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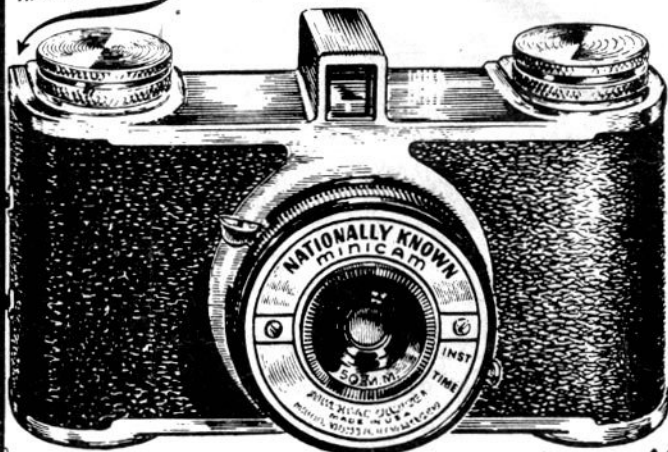
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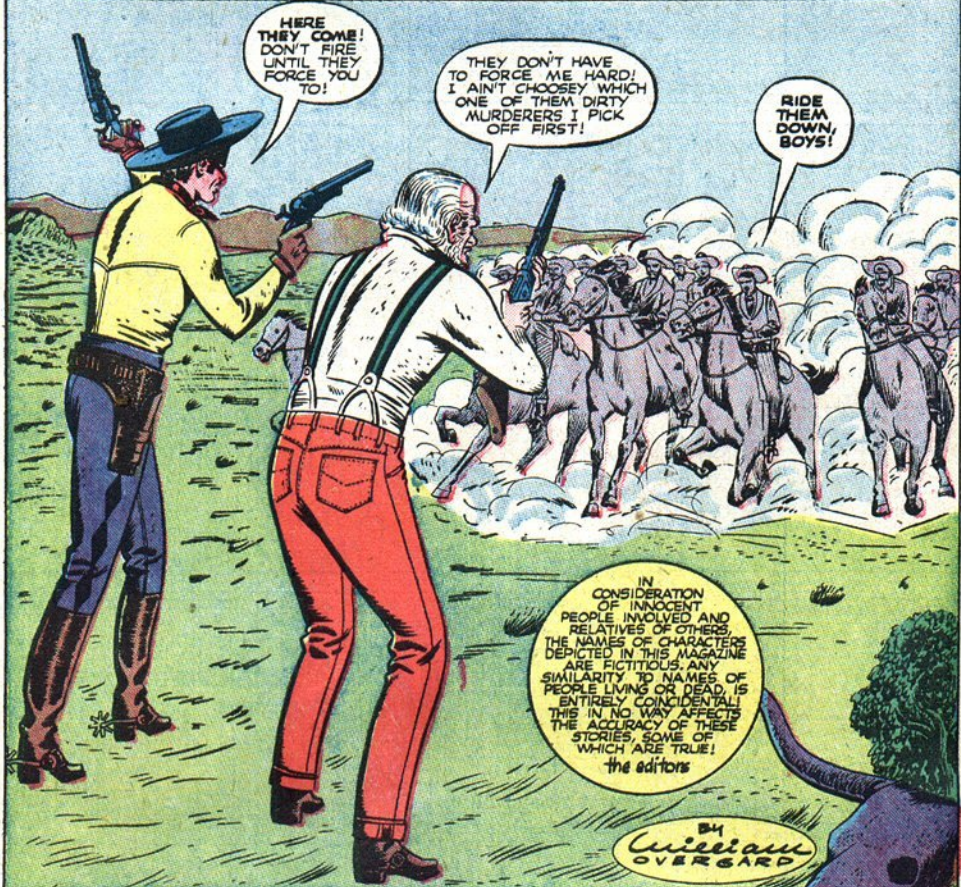
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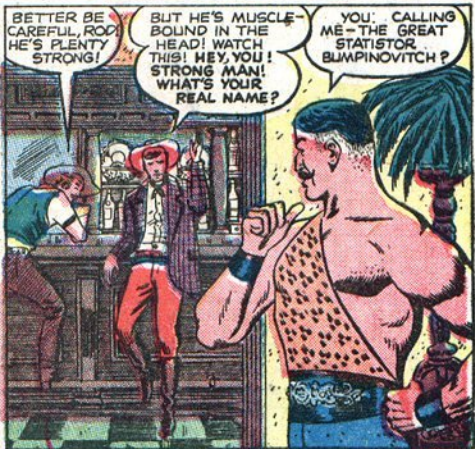
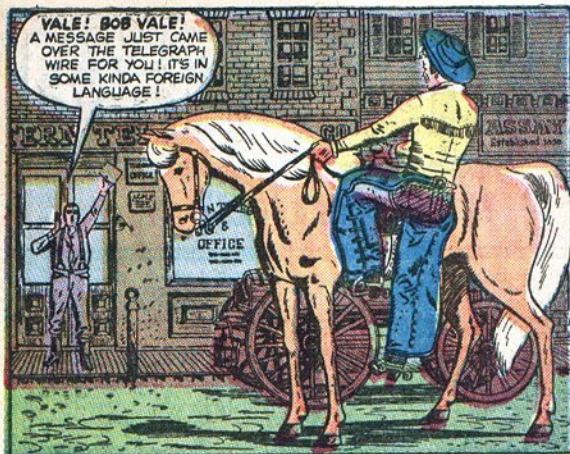
IN THE DAYS OF THE DESPERADOES!

THE WESTERN FRONTIER IN 1885 BECKONED DANGEROUSLY TO THOSE WITH THE COURAGE TO FIGHT A GREAT WILDERNESS--THE CIVIL WAR HAD JUST ENDED, AND TO THE UNBROKEN PLAINS OF THE "TERRITORIES" CAME A SUCCESSION OF DESPERADOES, ARMY DESERTERS, RENEGADES, RAIDERS, GAMBLERS, AND MURDERERS! ALL LOOKED TO THIS NEW LAND AS A HAVEN FROM JUSTICE, AN ELDORADO FOR CRIME!

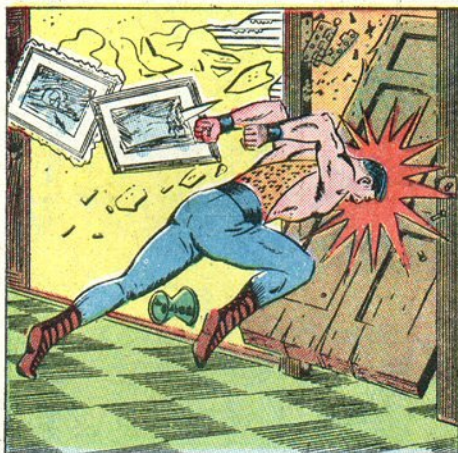
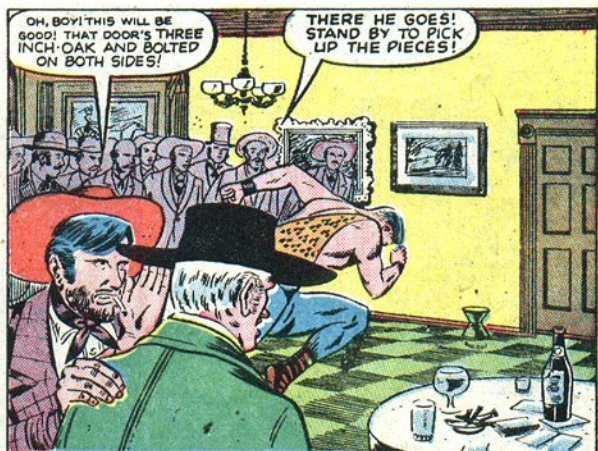
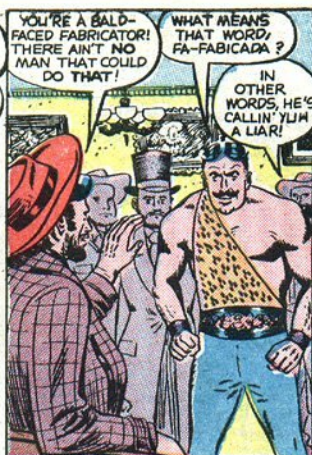


WHEN HIS FOSTER FATHER FELL UNDER THE GUNS OF A RENEGADE, YOUNG BOB VALE SWORE A SECRET OATH TO GIVE HIS LIFE, IF NECESSARY, TO RID THE TERRITORY OF BADMEN! TO PROTECT HIS FAMILY FROM PERSECUTION, HE DONNED A MASK AND DISGUISE, AND RODE OUT TO STRIKE TERROR INTO THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO HAD CAUSE TO FEAR THE VENGEANCE OF THIS MASKED MARSHAL, FAMED IN LEGEND AS THE BLACK DIAMOND!

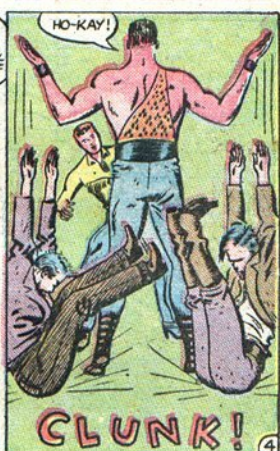
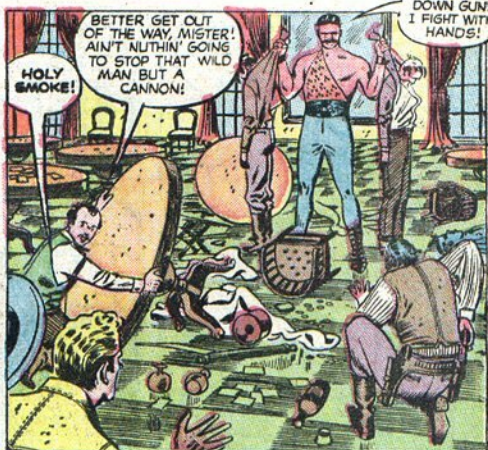
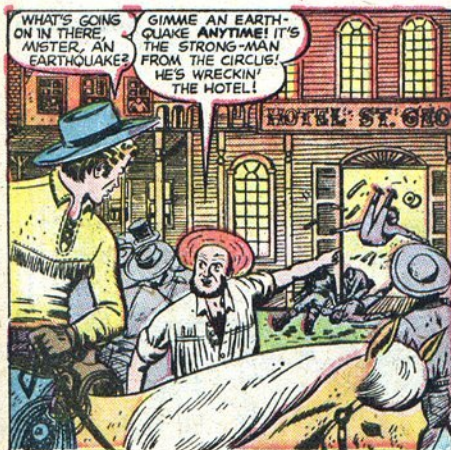
















NOW WHAT CAUSED ALL THE TROUBLE?

THIS BAD FELLA LOSE BET BUT NO PAY! NOT GOOD SPORT, LIKE GOOD AMERICAN!



IS THAT RIGHT?

YEAH, YEAH! HERE'S YOUR BLASTED FIFTY-NOW LEAVE ME ALONE!

WHAT ABOUT MY HOTEL? IT'S RUINED! RUINED!



THAT'S EASILY SOLVED! HERE, YOU TAKE THE FIFTY!

WELL.... THAT'LL ONLY TAKE CARE OF PART OF THE DAMAGE, BUT I GUESS IT'S BETTER THAN NOTHING!



SAY! YOU PLENTY SMART FELLA! YOU MY FRIEND! CAN ME, THE GREAT STATIS-TOR BUMPINOVICH, BE YOUR FRIEND, YES?

SURE THING! YOU NEVER CAN TELL WHEN I MIGHT WANT TO MOVE A COUPLE OF HOUSES BY HAND! O.K., BUMPIN-- WHAT DID YOU SAY YOUR NAME WAS? SAY, HOW ABOUT JUST PLAIN BUMPER? IT'LL SAVE WEAR AND TEAR!



WE'D BETTER MOVE OUT OF HERE, BUMPER, BEFORE THAT MANAGER CHANGES HIS MIND AND CALLS THE SHERIFF! SAY, HAVEN'T YOU GOT A SHIRT?

SURE! THIS IS MY BUSINESS SUIT ONLY-- GRAB A SUITCASE! I WAS LEAVING ANYWAY!



ALL RIGHT, I-ULPPP, HOLY SMOKE! WHAT'S IN THIS BAG?

ONLY COUPLE HUNDRED POUND'S WEIGHTS! WHATSA MATTER? YOU WEAK? HA, HA, HA!



SAY, FELLAS, I SAW WHAT WENT ON IN THERE AND I MUST SAY I ADMIRED YOUR HANDIWORK! I COULD USE A COUPLE OF QUICK LADS LIKE YOU IN MY SALOON, THE CRYSTAL LADY!

SORRY, MISTER! THAT'S NOT IN MY LINE!

ME, TOO!



IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, FRIEND, CALL ON ME! THE NAME'S SHAD CRACKEN!

CRACKEN! THAT'S THE NAME MARSHAL BONNER SAID TO LOOK UP!

I'VE CHANGED MY MIND ALREADY, MR. CRACKEN! I COULD USE A JOB, COME TO THINK OF IT!

ME, TOO!

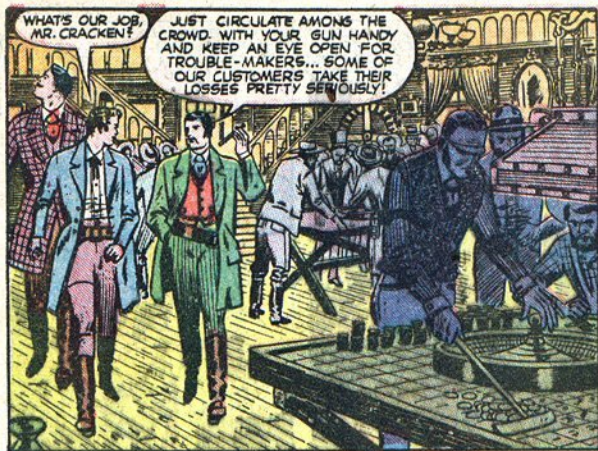


FINE, FINE YOU CAN START TONIGHT! COME WITH ME! WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

BOB VALE!

MINE IS STATIS-- BUMPER!





WHAT'S OUR JOB, MR. CRACKEN?

JUST CIRCULATE AMONGS THE CROWD. WITH YOUR GUN HANDY AND KEEP AN EYE OPEN FOR TROUBLE-MAKERS... SOME OF OUR CUSTOMERS TAKE THEIR LOSSES PRETTY SERIOUSLY!



HEY, LOOK—THERE'S BELLE! YOO HOO—BELLE!!

SHH, QUIET! WHO'S BELLE?



SHE WAS IN THE CIRCUS WITH ME! HERE SHE COMES! HEY, BELLE—IT'S ME, BUMPINOVICH!

STATISTOR! YOU BAG APE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, ALL DRESSED UP?



I WORK HERE WITH MY FRIEND! BELLE, THIS IS BOB!

I'M GLAD TO MEET YOU, MISS BELLE!

SAME HERE, KID! BUT YOU'RE BOTH IN ON A BUM DEAL! THIS IS A MEAN WAY TO MAKE A LIVING!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, MISS BELLE?

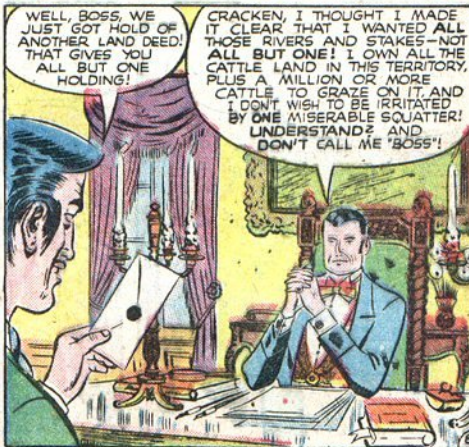
JUST THIS, KID—MONTHS BACK, THERE WAS A BIG GOVERNMENT LAND DRIVE! SINCE THEN, THESE CROOKED TABLES AND SHARP DEALERS HAVE TAKEN NEARLY EVERY PIECE OF LAND THOSE POOR DEVILS EARNED WITH SWEAT AND BLOOD!



THE TRAILS GETTING HOTTER! MARSHAL BONNER MENTIONED THAT IN HIS WIRE!

WHO WOULD YOU SAY IS BEHIND IT ALL? THIS FELLOW CRACKEN?

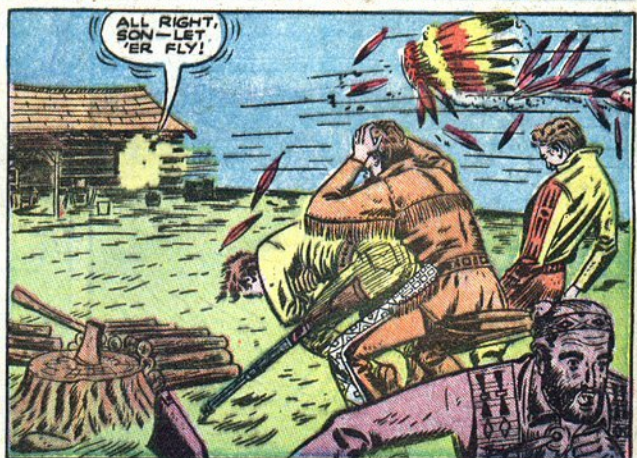
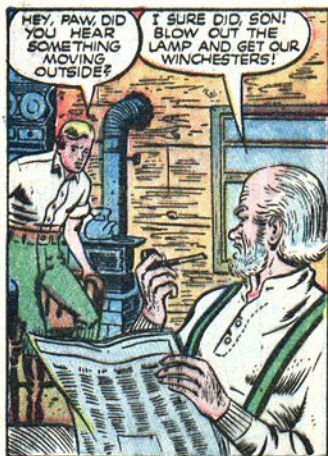
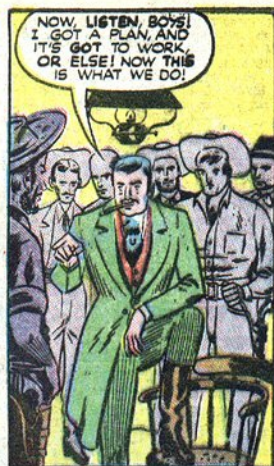
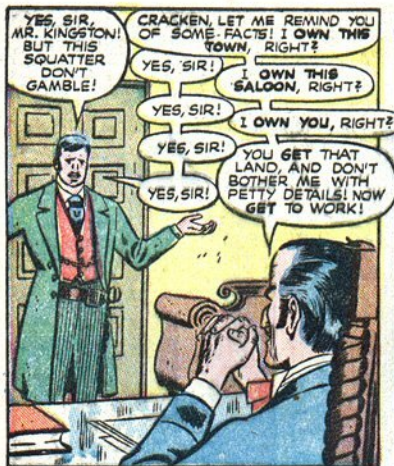
NO, O. O. J. I'D SAY SOMEBODY REALLY BIG IS BEHIND IT—SOMEBODY WHO WANTS ALL THIS TERRITORY AND WANTS IT BAD ENOUGH TO STOP AT NO-THING! WELL, ENOUGH! I'D BETTER GET GOING BEFORE CRACKEN COMES DOWNSTAIRS AGAIN!



WELL, BOSS, WE JUST GOT HOLD OF ANOTHER LAND DEED! THAT GIVES YOU ALL BUT ONE HOLDING!

CRACKEN, I THOUGHT I MADE IT CLEAR THAT I WANTED ALL THOSE RIVERS AND STAKES—NOT ALL BUT ONE! I OWN ALL THE CATTLE LAND IN THIS TERRITORY, PLUS A MILLION OR MORE CATTLE TO GRAZE ON IT, AND I DON'T WISH TO BE IRRITATED BY ONE MISERABLE SQUATTER! UNDERSTAND AND DON'T CALL ME 'BOSS'!



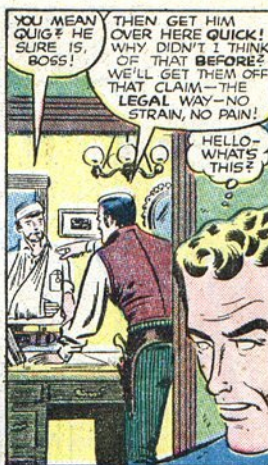






I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BOSS! EVERYTHIN WAS GOIN' SWELL—THEN WHAM! WE HAD TO CARRY MOST OF THE BOYS BACK!

OHOOHHH...WHY DOES THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO ME? WHAT AM I GOING TO SAY TO...HEY, WAIT—IS OUR MAN STILL WORKING AT THE BANK?



YOU MEAN QUIG? HE SURE IS, BOSS!

THEN GET HIM OVER HERE QUICK! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT BEFORE? WE'LL GET THEM OFF THAT CLAIM—THE LEGAL WAY—NO STRAIN, NO PAIN!

HELLO, WHAT'S THIS?



THAT'S THE STORY, QUIG! OLD MAN KINCADE AND HIS SON HAVE GOT TO BE RUN OFF THAT CLAIM, OR ELSE! HOW CAN WE DO IT LEGAL LIKE?

THAT'S EASY, BOSS! I'LL GET HOLD OF THE PAPERS AT THE BANK AND MAKE A FEW CHANGES! THEN YOU CAN TAKE THE SHERIFF OUT THERE AN' THROW THEM OFF!

SO THAT'S IT! IT'S TIME FOR THE BLACK DIAMOND TO STEP IN!



I'VE GOT TO GET TO THE KINCADE PLACE FAST, AND WARN THE OLD MAN, BUT IN CASE SOMETHING GOES WRONG, I'VE GOT TO HAVE SOMEONE HERE THAT I CAN TRUST TO GO FOR MARSHAL BONNER! I'LL HAVE TO CHANCE IT! BUMPER'S GOT TO KNOW!

HEY, BUMPER!

YEAH, KID!



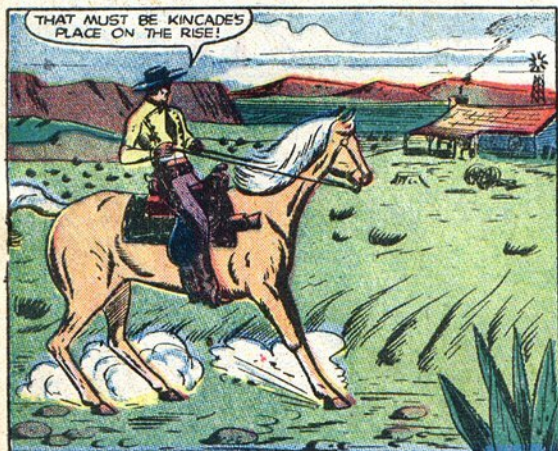
...AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED, BUMPER! AFTER MY DAD WAS KILLED BY A RENEGADE, I SWORE TO AVENGE HIS DEATH, AND BECAME KNOWN AS THE BLACK DIAMOND! UNTIL I TOLD YOU, ONLY MARSHAL BONNER KNEW WHO I REALLY WAS!

GEE, KID, AND YOU TELLIN' IT TO ME, BRING. TEARS TO MY EYES! NOBODY EVER TRUST ME WITH SECRETS BEFORE! DON'T WORRY, NOBODY WILL FINDING OUT FROM ME! YOU CAN BETTING YOUR LIFE ON THAT!



I KNEW I COULD TRUST YOU, BUMPER! NOW, HERE'S WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO!

SURE, KID—ANYTHING!



THAT MUST BE KINCADE'S PLACE ON THE RISE!



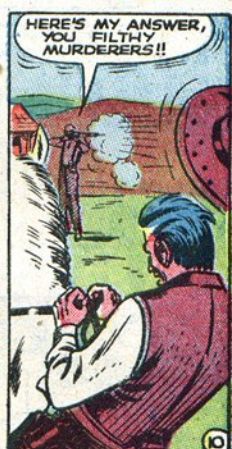
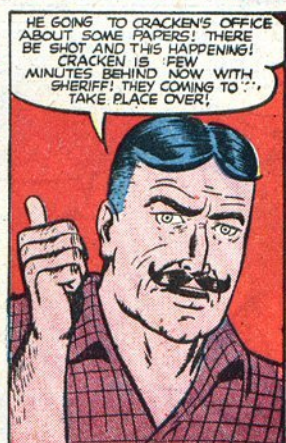
PAW! PAW! THERE'S A MASKED MAN RIDIN' UP!

WHAT? GET YOUR GUN, BOY! WE'LL FIX THESE BLASTED WARMINTS! THEY AIN'T STEALIN' OUR RANCH FROM US!









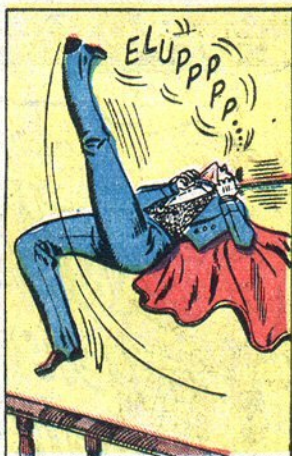
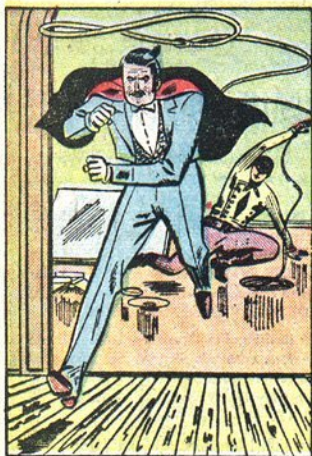












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SO LONG, GORDON! YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME!

STOP, DOYLE! DON'T BE A FOOL! I'LL GIVE YOU FIVE SECONDS AN' THEN I'M GONNA SHOOT!

NORMAN MAURER

A MONTANA TOWN, JUNE, 1864...

THIS CATTLE RUSTLIN' HAS GOT TO STOP, OR WE'LL ALL BE OUT OF BUSINESS!

WE DON'T CARE WHAT IT COSTS! WE WANT THE RUSTLERS CAUGHT!

I THINK WE HAVE JUST THE MAN TO HANDLE THE JOB!

IT'S A DANGEROUS ASSIGNMENT, CHARLIE! THESE RUSTLERS ARE BAD! THEY'LL KILL YOU IF THEY EVEN SUSPECT YOU'RE A DETECTIVE!

I'M BEING PAID TO TAKE CHANCES, BOSS! I'LL JUST HAVE TO OUTSMART THE RUSTLERS, AND I THINK I KNOW HOW!

I'LL GET A JOB AT ONE OF THE RANCHES AND FIND OUT WHAT I CAN! I'LL REPORT TO YOU WHENEVER I COME TO TOWN!

WATCH YOUR STEP, GORDON! I'VE HAD FIVE OPERATORS KILLED IN THE PAST YEAR!









GORDON SOON WON THE CONFIDENCE OF MOST OF THE COWHANDS...

Y'KNOW, GORDON, SPEAKIN' OF THE WAR, DOYLE AND A FEW OF THE BOYS WERE WITH QUANTRILL'S RAIDERS!

QUANTRILL WAS A RAT! HE KILLED MEN ON BOTH SIDES!

QUANTRILL'S MEN WERE ROBBERS AND MURDERERS—AND LEOPARDS DON'T CHANGE THEIR SPOTS!

HEY, GORDON! STOP DAY-DREAMIN'! WE GOTTA GET BACK TO THE BUNKHOUSE! THIS IS PAY-DAY, Y'KNOW!

HUH? OKAY—LET'S GET MOVIN'!

WELL, GORDON—YOU GOT YOUR FIRST PAY TODAY! ARE YA GOIN' INTO TOWN WITH THE BOYS FOR SOME FUN?

SLASS RANCH

NO, DOYLE, I'M PRETTY TIRED! I'M GOING TO GET ME A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP!

IF YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, THE BOYS WILL BE RIDIN' INTO TOWN IN AN HOUR! ME AND MY PALS ARE GOIN' TO A PRIVATE PARTY!

YOU OUGHT TO GO WITH THE BOYS, KID! A FELLER NEEDS SOME FUN!

MAYBE I'LL JOIN 'EM NEXT TIME!

SO DOYLE'S GOING TO A "PRIVATE" PARTY—AND THEY SEEMED ANXIOUS FOR ME TO BE IN TOWN—SOMETHING FUNNY'S COOKIN'!

THERE GOES DOYLE NOW—I'M GONNA FOLLOW HIM!

YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, TANNER! I TOLD VANCE LEFFERTS TO MEET US WITH SOME OF HIS MEN IN ROOKES HOLLOW! WE NEED THEM FOR THE DOUBLE "D" JOB!

GOOD! I FIGURE WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO RUSTLE TWO HUNDRED HORSES ON THAT JOB!

I BROUGHT FOUR MEN WITH ME, DOYLE! WE'RE READY FOR THE DOUBLE "D" JOB!

GOOD, LEFFERTS! PROBABLY MOST OF THE HANDS WILL BE IN TOWN! IF ANYONE ON THE RANCH GETS IN THE WAY, LET HIM HAVE IT!

REMEMBER, LEFFERTS, THEY HANG RUSTLERS IN THIS STATE—AND DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES!

I AIN'T FORGETTIN' THAT, DOYLE!

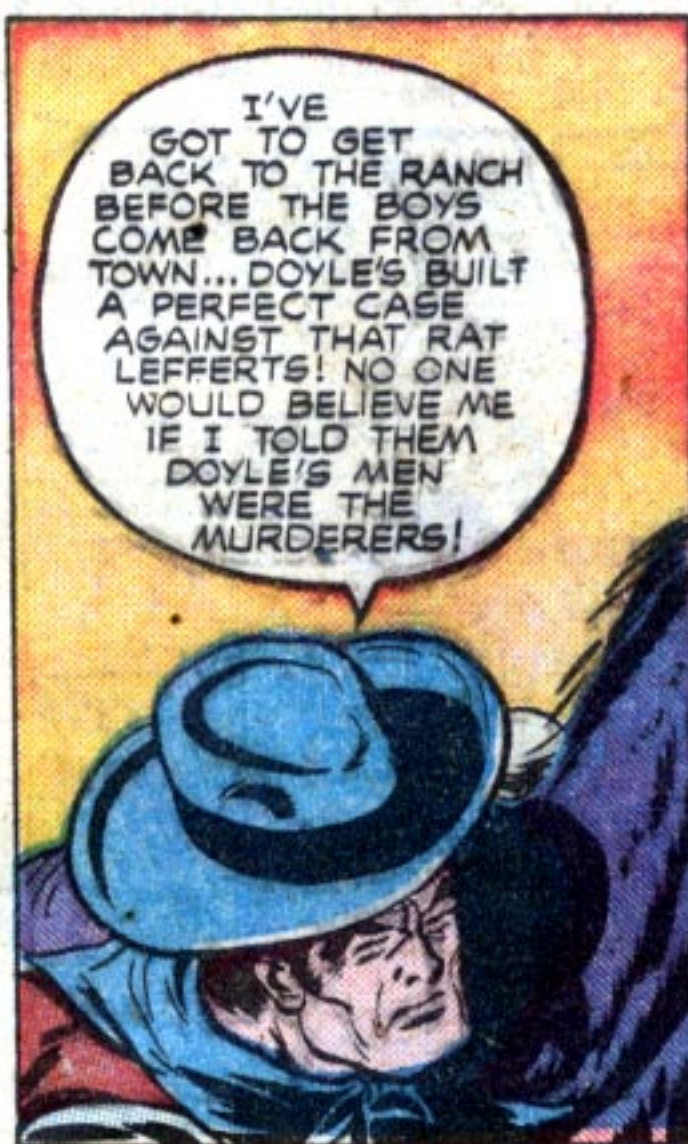
JACK—THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON OUT IN THE CORRAL! SOUNDS LIKE RUSTLERS!

WHERE'S MY SHOTGUN? I'LL FIX THEM!

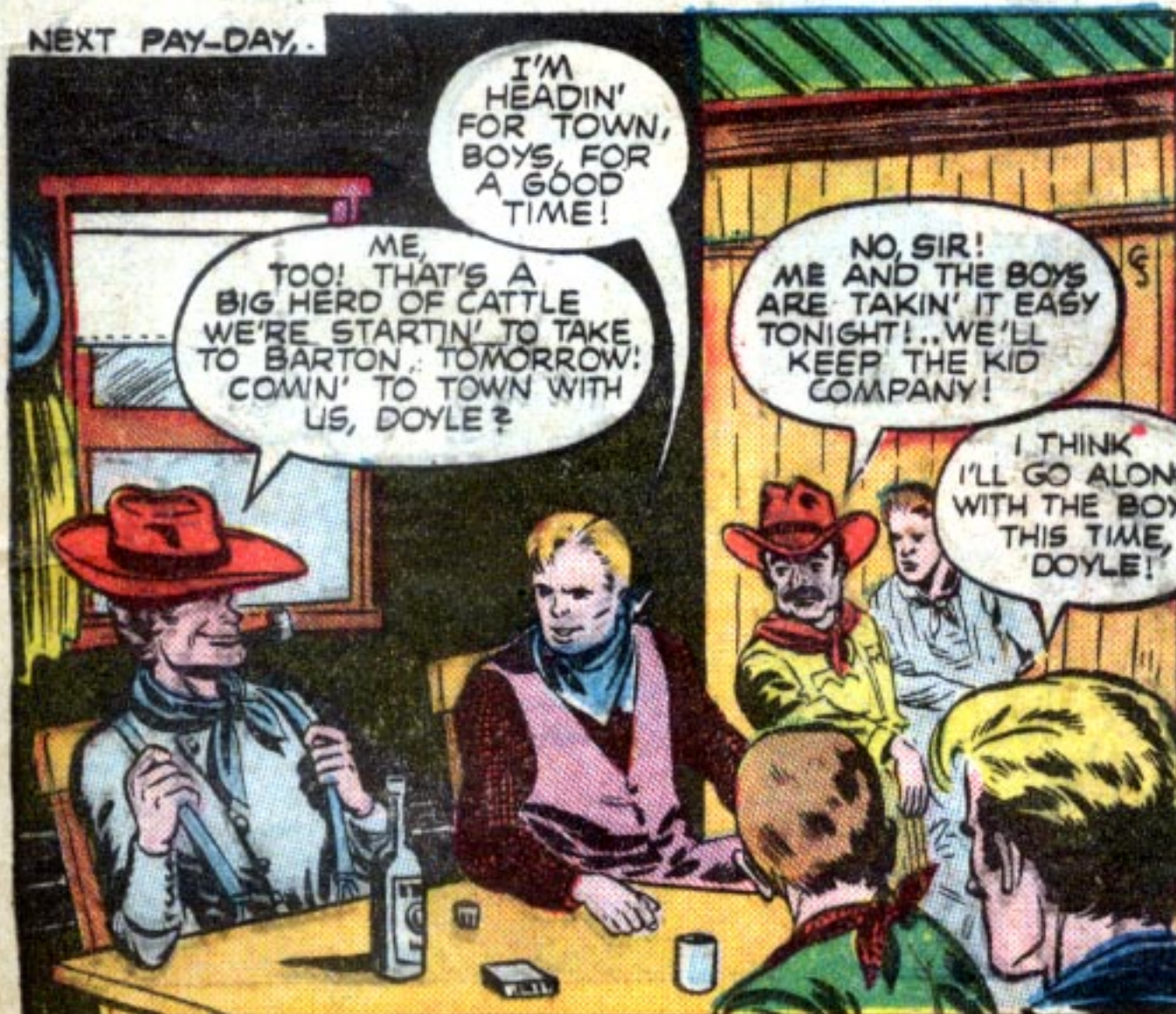








NEXT PAY-DAY.







THE BOYS  
HAVE GONE!  
WHEN DO WE  
GET TO WORK,  
DOYLE?

NOW! FIRST,  
WE TIE UP SLASS  
AND THE OLD LADY!  
THEN GRAB ALL  
THE STOCK HERE  
AND GET ALL OUR  
OTHER HEAD OUT OF  
THE HIDING PLACE,  
AND GET A GOOD  
START TO THE  
STATE LINE!



C'MON, YOU  
OLD GOATS! SIT  
DOWN SO WE CAN  
TIE YOU TO THE  
CHAIRS! YOU'RE  
LUCKY WE'RE  
NOT KILLIN'  
YA!

YOU'RE  
A DISGRACE,  
DOYLE! YOU  
WON'T GET  
AWAY WITH  
THIS!



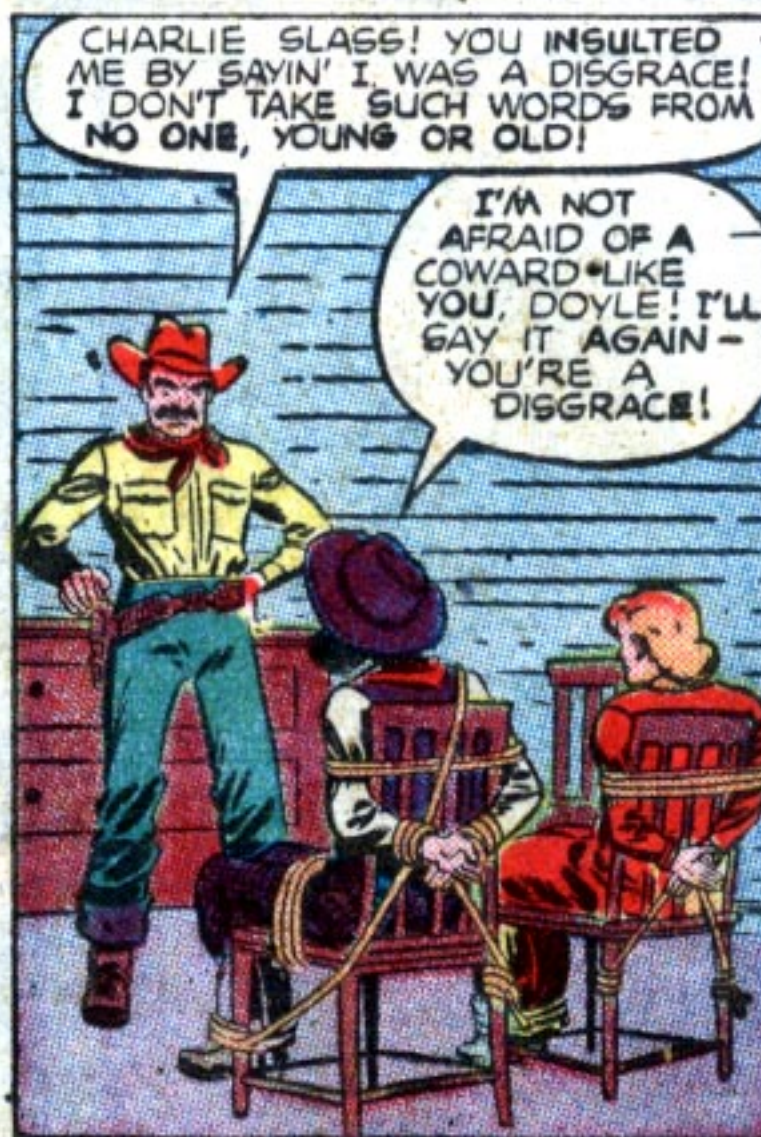
C'MON, YOU LOOTS!  
MOVE YOUR LEADEN  
LEGS! WE OUGHT TO  
BE OUT OF HERE  
BY NOW!

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
WORRIED ABOUT,  
DOYLE? THE BOYS  
WON'T BE BACK  
FOR A GOOD  
SEVEN  
HOURS!



WELL, THAT  
DOES IT, DOYLE!  
THE CORRAL IS  
EMPTY!

GOOD! YOU  
START  
LEADING THE  
MEN TO THE  
HIDEOUT! GOT  
A FEW LAST  
WORDS TO  
SPEAK TO  
CHARLIE  
GLASS!



CHARLIE GLASS! YOU INSULTED  
ME BY SAYIN' I WAS A DISGRACE!  
I DON'T TAKE SUCH WORDS FROM  
NO ONE, YOUNG OR OLD!

I'M NOT  
AFRAID OF A  
COWARD-LIKE  
YOU, DOYLE! I'LL  
GAY IT AGAIN -  
YOU'RE A  
DISGRACE!



YOU OLD TOADSTOOL!  
HOW DARE YOU INSULT  
RICHARD DOYLE, WHO  
WAS A SCOUT FOR  
WILL QUANTRILL?



MEANWHILE...

IT'S FUNNY  
THAT DOYLE  
DIDN'T GO INTO  
TOWN  
TONIGHT!

THAT'S  
RIGHT! IT'S  
THE FIRST  
PAY-DAY SINCE  
'I BEEN HERE  
THAT HE'S  
STAYED AT  
THE  
RANCH!



AND BY  
A STRANGE  
COINCIDENCE, THE  
OTHER BOYS WHO  
AREN'T GOIN' TO  
TOWN WERE ALSO WITH  
QUANTRILL'S  
RAIDERS!



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DRIVING  
AT,  
GORDON?

QUANTRILL'S  
MEN WERE ALL  
MURDERING RATS!  
YOU KNOW THAT!  
AND I HAPPEN  
TO KNOW THAT  
DOYLE HASN'T  
CHANGED!





THOSE ARE POWERFUL WORDS, GORDON - CAN YOU PROVE THEM?

I SAW DOYLE AND HIS MEN MURDER THE 'DOUBLE D' RANCH OWNERS! LEFFERTS AND HIS MEN WERE WORKING WITH HIM AND HE KILLED THEM, TOO!



SO YOU TRAILED HIM THAT NIGHT, WHEN YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO STAY IN THE BUNKHOUSE? HOW COME YOU'RE SO INTERESTED IN DOYLE?

I'M SURE YOU BOYS ARE SQUARE SHOOTERS, SO I'LL TELL YOU! I'M A CATTLE DETECTIVE AND I WAS SENT OUT TO BREAK UP THE GANG THAT'S BEEN RUSTLIN' IN THESE PARTS!



I'M POSITIVE DOYLE'S PLANNIN' TO RUSTLE THE C-CLASS RANCH TONIGHT! I WAS GOIN' TO TOWN TO GET SOME MORE OPERATORS AND CATCH HIM IN THE ACT!

LOOK, GORDON, I THINK YOU'RE ON THE LEVEL! WE'LL GO BACK WITH YOU! IT'LL SAVE A LOT OF TIME!



IF DOYLE'S THE RAT YOU SAY HE IS, WE'LL SEE THAT HE GETS WHAT'S COMIN' TO HIM!

I HOPE WE GET THERE BEFORE SOMETHING HAPPENS TO MA AND PA SLASS!



THERE'S A LIGHT STILL ON IN THE RANCH HOUSE! I HOPE THEY'RE OKAY!

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE DOYLE AND HIS BOYS ARE AROUND!



THIS IS DOYLE'S WORK, NO DOUBT!

YES - AFTER HE TIED US UP, HE HIT PA, AND THE CHAIR TOPPLED OVER! THEY'RE OUT RUSTLIN' OUR STOCK NOW!

DON'T WORRY, MA - WE'LL GET THE DIRTY VERMIN!



DOYLE MENTIONED AT THE DOUBLE 'D' THAT HE KEPT THE STOLEN HORSES AND CATTLE AT SOME HIDING PLACE! ANY IDEA WHERE IT MIGHT BE?

I OVERHEARD HIM SAY IT WAS FIFTEEN MILES OUT ON THE TRAIL AND A MILE TO THE RIGHT FROM THE FORK THERE! IT'S IN A VALLEY!

PA'S GONNA BE OKAY! LET'S GET GOIN', GORDON!



THE TRAIL FORKS HERE! WE GO TO THE RIGHT!







# STAMP PAGE

by Sidney M. Elias  
**Niagara Falls**

**WHERE** is the Niagara Falls?  
Is it in the United States?  
If your answer is "Yes," then you are approximately 32% correct, as only the American Falls which is part of Niagara, lies wholly within the borders of the United States. Here are the facts.

The Niagara River which forms the boundary between the United States and Canada is separated by a small strip of land at the falls called Goat Island. This island diverts the river to flow on either



**AMERICAN FALLS**

side of it so that two distinct waterfalls are produced. The American Falls has a curving front of 1,400 feet and is 167 feet high. The Canadian or Horseshoe Falls is 158 feet high and has a curving front of 2,950 feet, more than twice as long as the American Falls. Most of the waters of the Niagara River is diverted over the Canadian Falls for only 1/10 of the entire volume goes over the American Falls.

To prove the above statement that most of the Niagara Falls



**CANADIAN FALLS**

lies within the Canadian boundary, we find proof of this fact from the postage stamps of United States and Canada. On the 25c U. S. stamps of the period 1922-38, we find a reproduction of the American Falls. The 20c Canadian stamps of 1938 shows only a small part of the American Falls, Goat Island, the Horseshoe Falls and a Canadian power plant. Glancing at these two stamps, one can easily see that the Canadian Falls is much, much wider than the American Falls.

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GREATEST  
NEW  
COMIC  
MAGAZINE  
IN  
20 YEARS!

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Write a letter . . . 50 words or less . . . beginning with the following sentence: "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN is a wonderful magazine because . . ." There are four things to do in this contest:

1. Name the Horse
2. Solve 2 Puzzles
3. Write a Letter
4. GIVE US YOUR DEALER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

TURN THIS PAGE TO GET THE TWO  
PUZZLES AND FULL INSTRUCTIONS

## NOW TURN THE PAGE... READ THE RULES... SOLVE THE PUZZLES



# HERE ARE THE TWO PUZZLES

## PUZZLE NO. 1

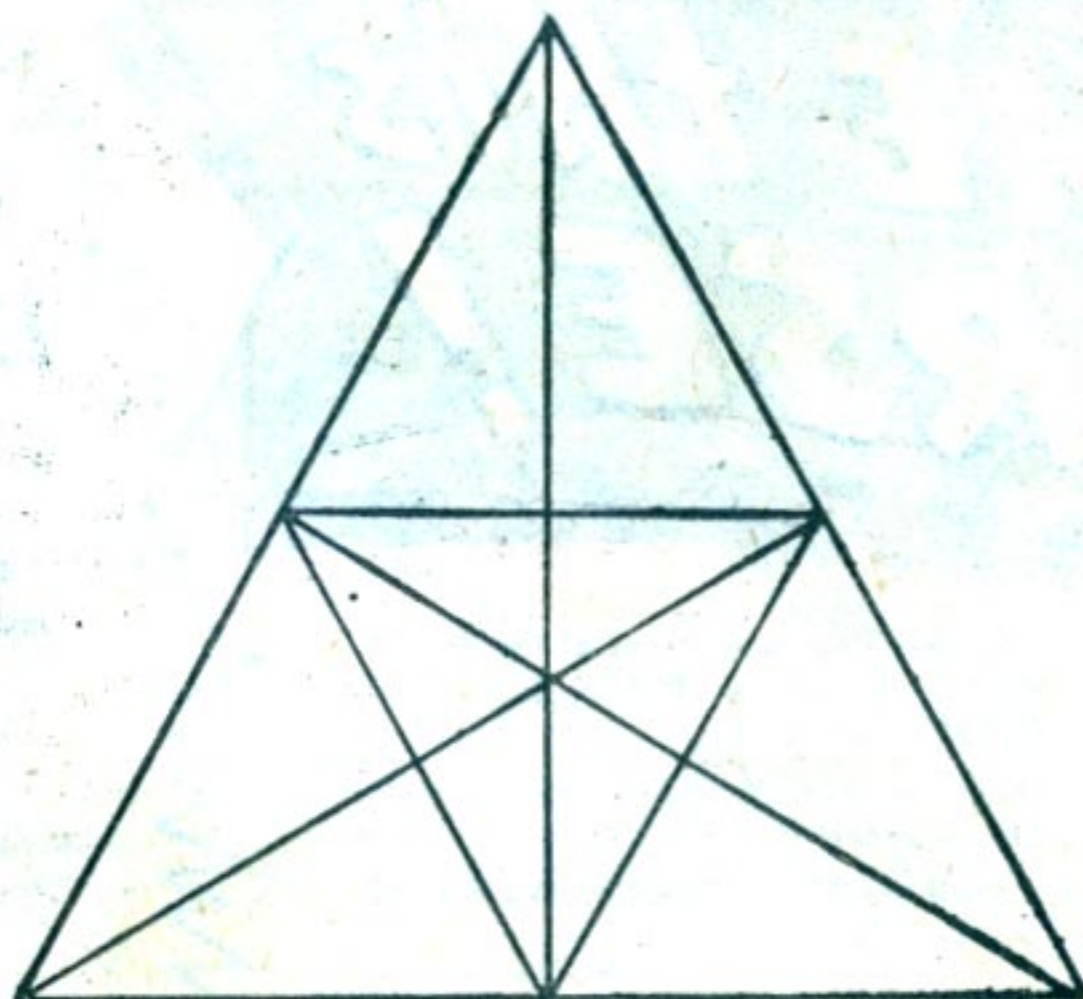
Fill in the dashes in each line with four letters to make the word which is defined directly to the right. When you have done this, add a letter to each box to change this four letter word to a different word of five letters. To start you off we'll tell you that the first word is ACES and the letter in the box is R, making RACES. What is the next word? If you fill in the rest of the diagram correctly the letters in the boxes, reading from upper left to lower right, will spell the name of a popular western outdoor show. Write this word on the coupon.

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1. The four highest cards in a pack.
2. A small liquid measure.
3. Another name for dinner or supper.
4. What dressmakers use.
5. Where a prisoner is kept.

## PUZZLE NO. 2

How many triangles, large and small, can you find in the diagram below? Don't answer too quickly; there are more than you imagine. To score 100 on this you will have to get the exact number which is well over 35.



## OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES

Follow these Exactly!

1. Print your name for BLACK DIAMOND's Horse on the coupon on opposite page or on separate piece of paper.
2. Print clearly the name and address of the newsstand where you buy Lev Gleason Comic Magazines.
3. Print solution of puzzle #1 and solution of puzzle #2, when you have solved both puzzles.
3. On a separate piece of paper—write a letter of 50 words or less, beginning with, "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN is a wonderful magazine because ....."

### IT'S EASY...IT'S FUN!

You may enter as many names as you wish, but each entry must be complete with puzzle solutions and a letter. The entries will be judged by Lev Gleason, Charles Biro and Bob Wood on the basis of the originality and suitability of the name you choose and the letter you write. Your letter counts toward winning a prize. You must furnish correct solutions to both puzzles in order to qualify. Decisions of the judges are final, but in case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded.

This contest is open to everyone, man, woman and child, except employees of Lev Gleason Publications Inc. and their families.

The contest is subject to all Federal and State regulations.

All entries become the property of Lev Gleason Inc. None will be returned. To be considered, envelopes containing entry must bear postmark before midnight April 2nd, 1949.

Remember to follow the contest rules. Read the "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN" stories in issue #9 and issue #10. Choose a suitable name for BLACK DIAMOND's horse. Solve the 2 puzzles. Both puzzles appear above. Puzzle No. 1 appeared in the last issue of "BLACK DIAMOND WESTERN" . . . Puzzle No. 2 appears here for the first time. If your dealer is sold out, borrow a copy. Be sure to give the name and address of the newsdealer from whom you buy Lev Gleason Comic Magazines. Be sure to write a letter of 50 words or less. When you have completed the requirements of the contest, mail to—

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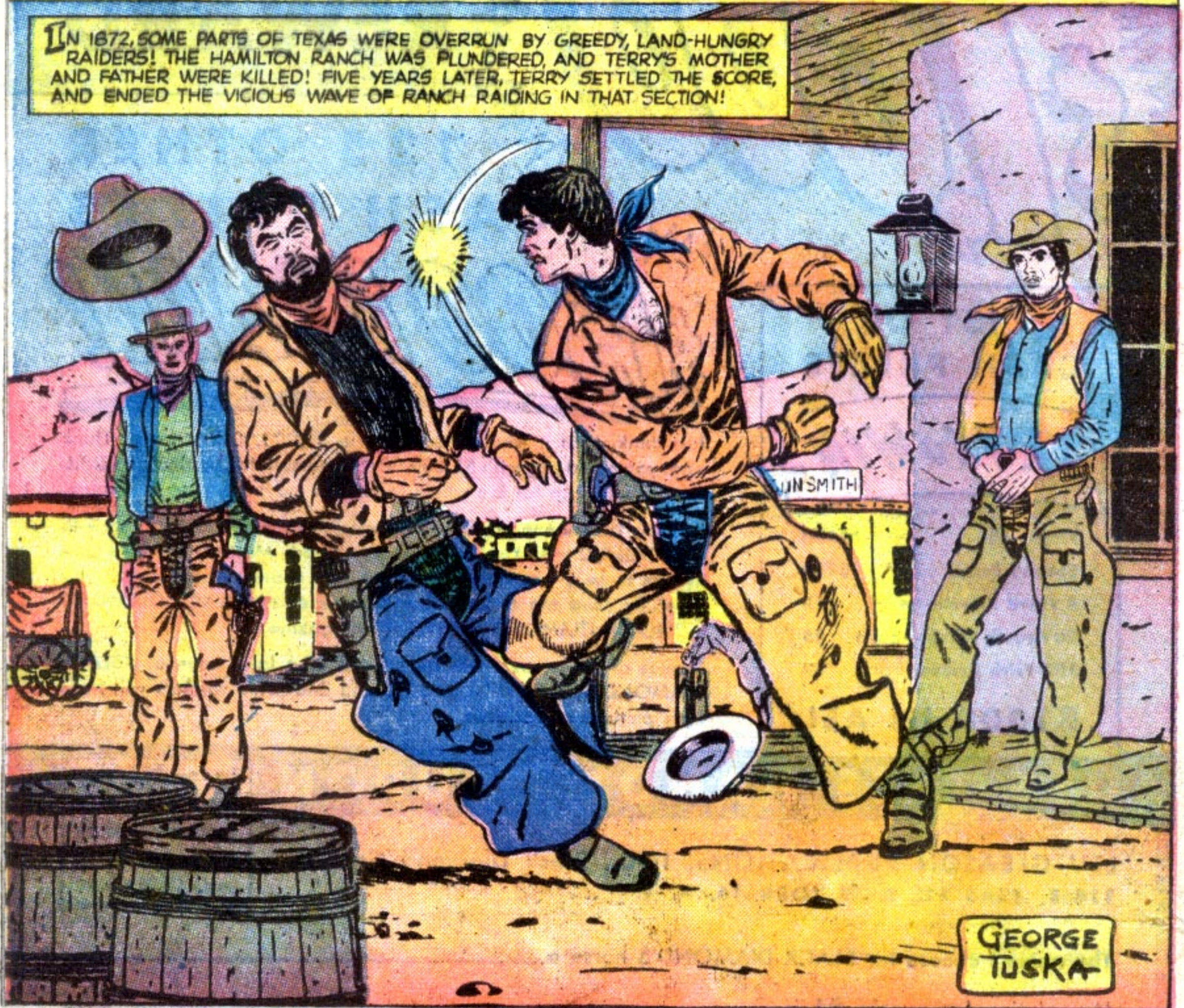
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# TERRY HAMILTON

IN 1872, SOME PARTS OF TEXAS WERE OVERRUN BY GREEDY, LAND-HUNGRY RAIDERS! THE HAMILTON RANCH WAS PLUNDERED, AND TERRY'S MOTHER AND FATHER WERE KILLED! FIVE YEARS LATER, TERRY SETTLED THE SCORE, AND ENDED THE VICIOUS WAVE OF RANCH RAIDING IN THAT SECTION!



A SMALL TEXAS TOWN—JUNE 20, 1872...

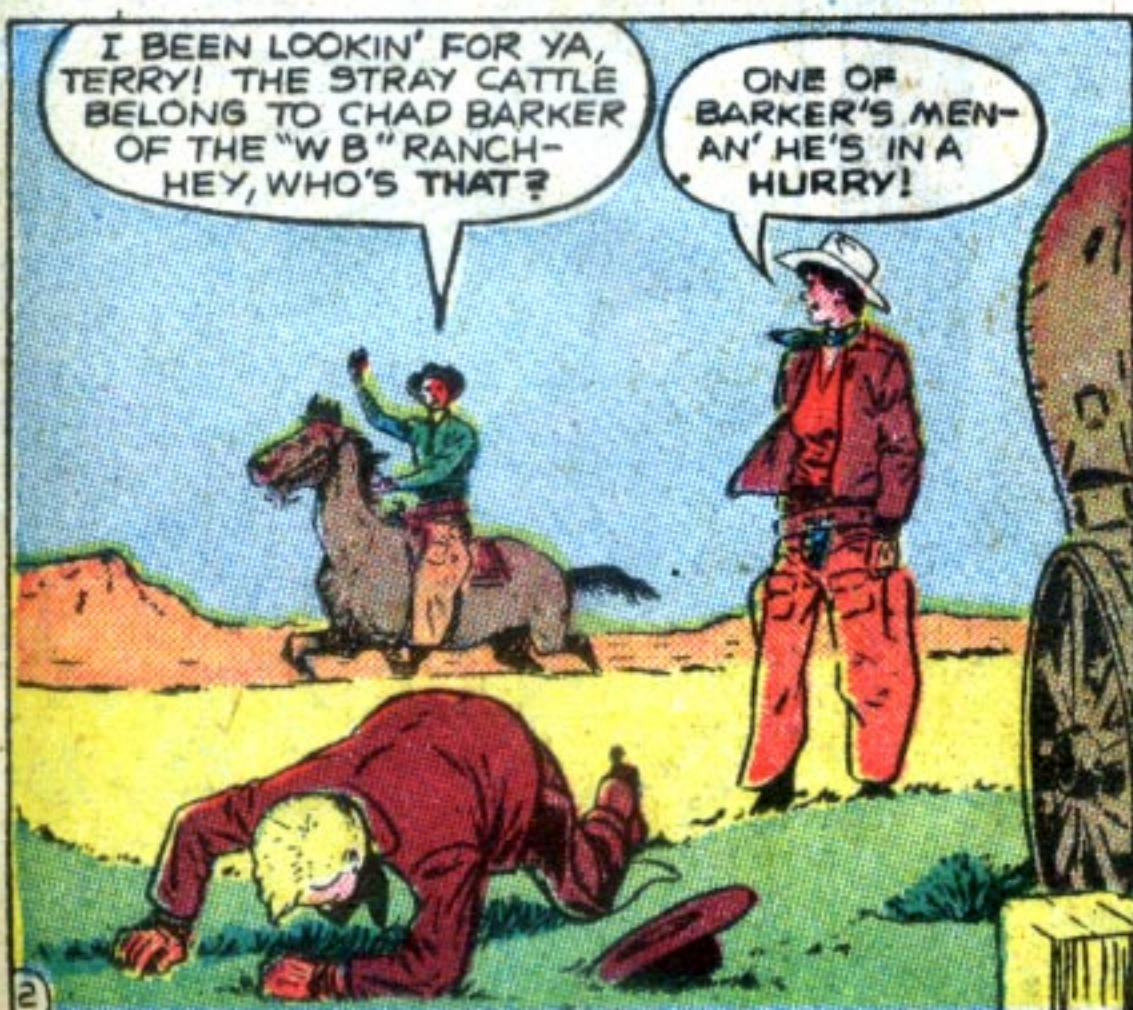




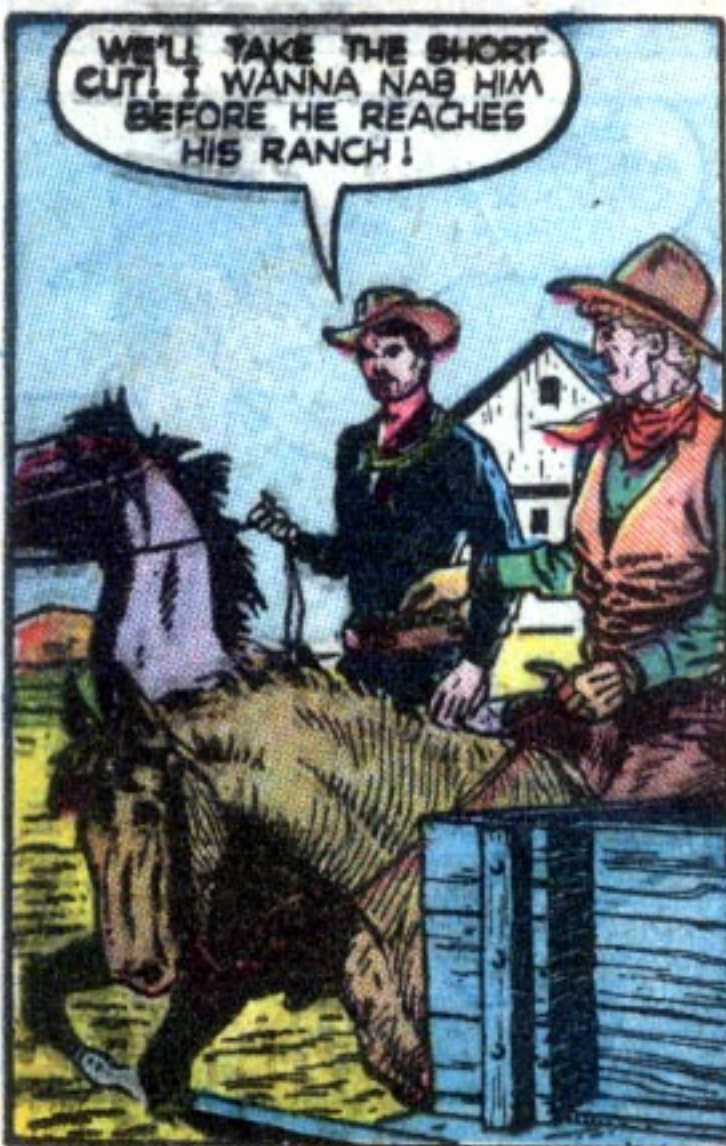
ORPHANED, TERRY WENT TO LIVE WITH HIS UNCLE, JOHN HAMILTON! THE RANCH WAS TAKEN OVER BY WHOEVER PLUNDERED IT AND SOLD TO AN EASTERNER! TWO YEARS LATER, TERRY WAS APPROACHING MANHOOD!



THREE YEARS LATER, TERRY WAS 21 AND DOING A GOOD JOB COW-PUNCHING ON HIS UNCLE'S RANCH!



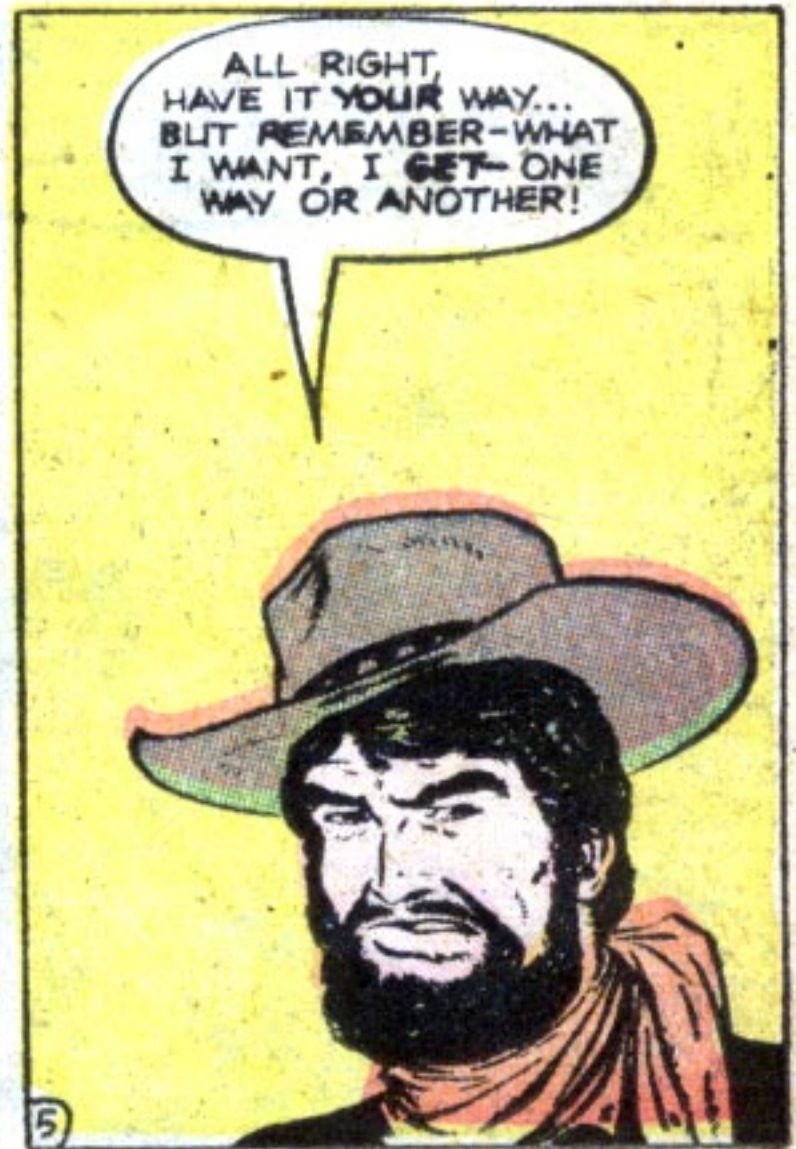
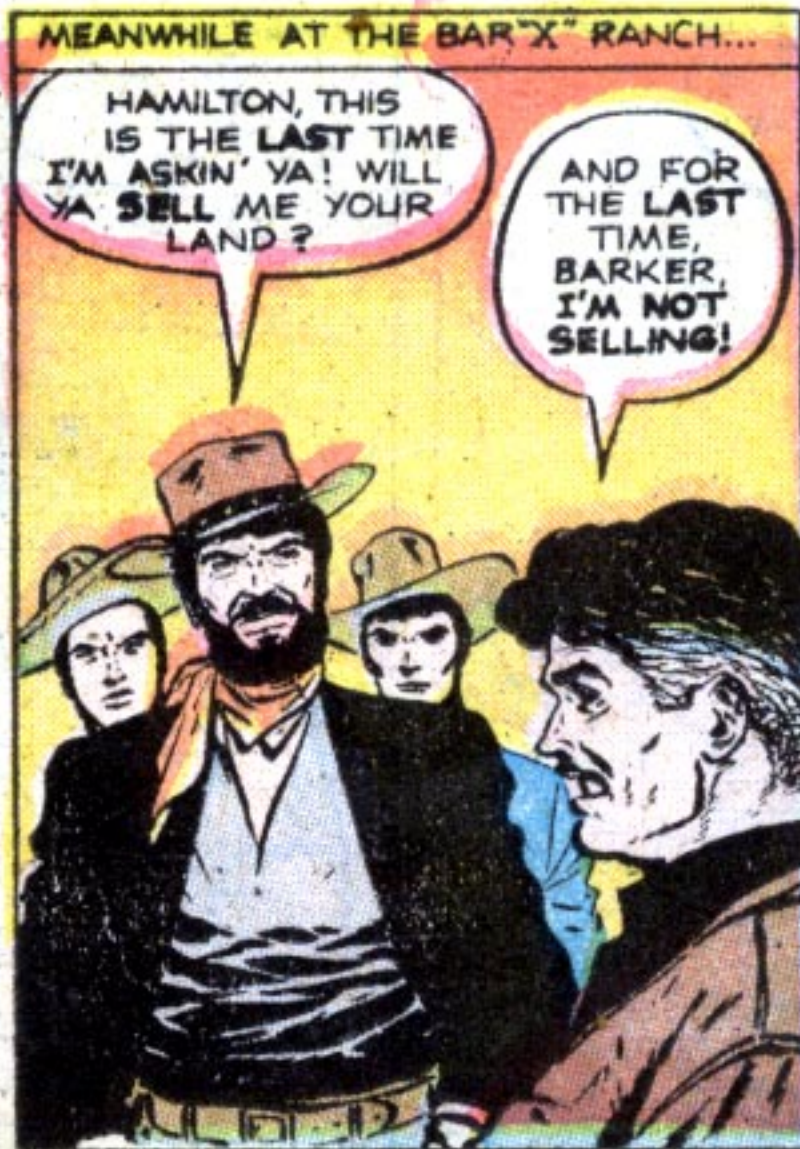
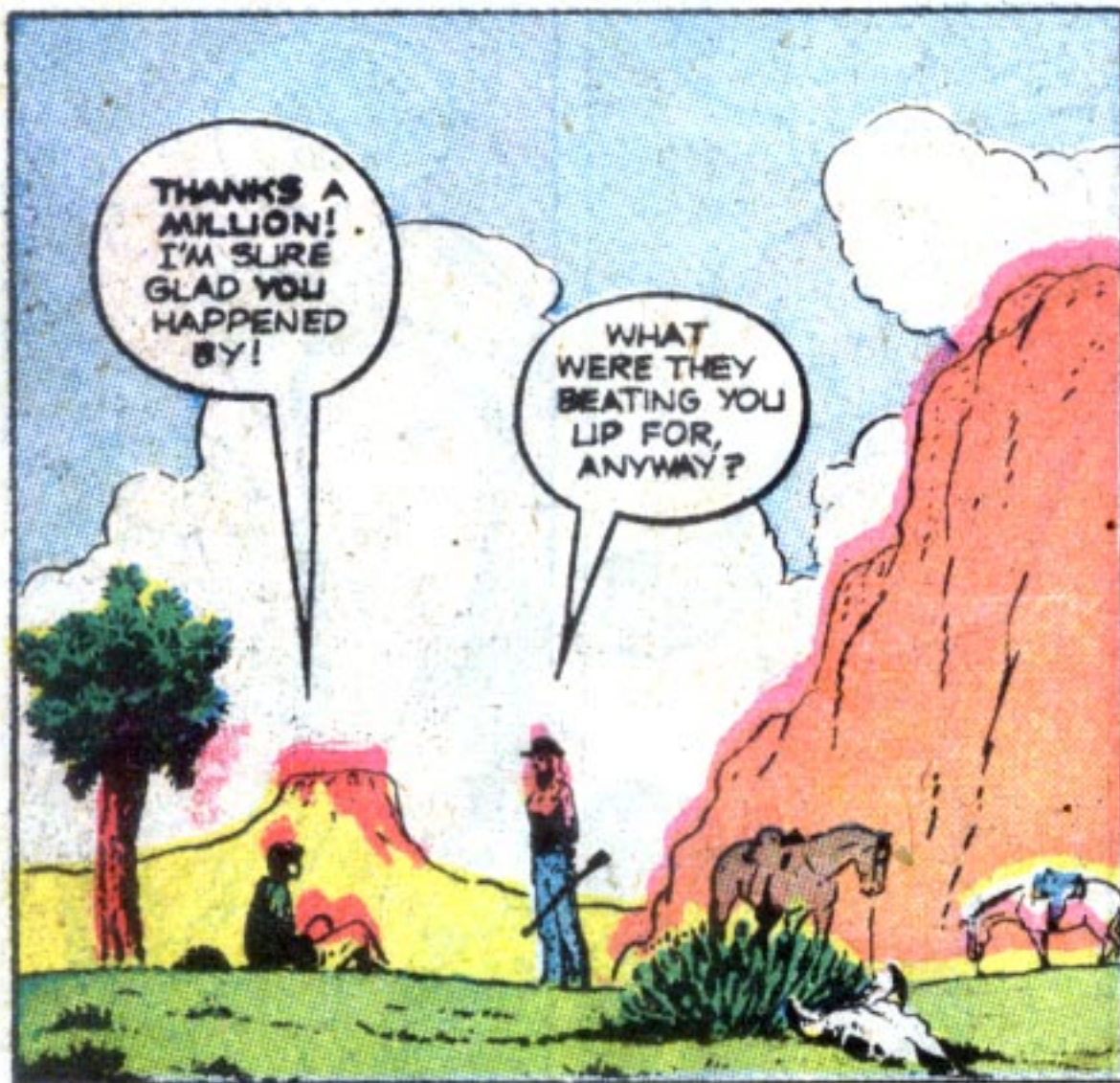
















THOSE GUYS  
SEEM TO BE IN  
AN AWFUL HURRY!  
I WONDER WHO  
THEY ARE!



TERRY!  
WHERE'VE  
YOU  
BEEN?

I WENT TO TOWN TO  
SEE BARKER! BUT I  
DIDN'T GET TO SEE HIM  
AND GOT AMBUSHED  
ON THE WAY  
BACK!



THAT'S STRANGE! BARKER WAS  
HERE JUST NOW! HE OFFERED  
ME A GOOD PRICE FOR THE  
RANCH, AND WHEN I REFUSED  
TO SELL HE SAID THERE  
WERE OTHER WAYS  
HE COULD GET IT!

THAT DIRTY  
SCUM! I'M GOING  
BACK TO TOWN  
AND HAVE IT  
OUT WITH HIM!



MEANWHILE...

BOYS, START CLEANIN' YOUR GUNS!  
WE'RE RAIDIN' THE BAR-X RANCH  
AT DAWN! NOW GET-

OKAY,  
BARKER!  
SEE YOU  
EARLY!

HELEN-  
YOU STAY  
FOR A  
MINUTE!



HELEN, BABY, ONCE I  
GET CONTROL OF THE  
BAR-X RANCH, I'M  
GOIN' TO MAKE IT THE  
BIGGEST GAMBLIN'  
JOINT IN THE STATE,  
AN' YOU, BABY, ARE  
GONNA HELP ME  
RUN IT!

SO  
THAT'S  
WHY HE'S SO  
ANXIOUS TO  
GET THE  
RANCH!

I'M ALL  
FOR IT! DO  
YOU REALLY  
MEAN  
THAT?



I SURE DO, HELEN!  
TOMORROW WE'RE  
GOIN' TO DO THE  
SAME JOB ON THE  
BAR-X RANCH THAT  
WE DID ON THE  
HAMILTON RANCH  
A FEW YEARS  
BACK!

HOW COME  
HAMILTON'S  
BROTHER  
AND SON  
NEVER  
KNEW WHO  
DID IT?

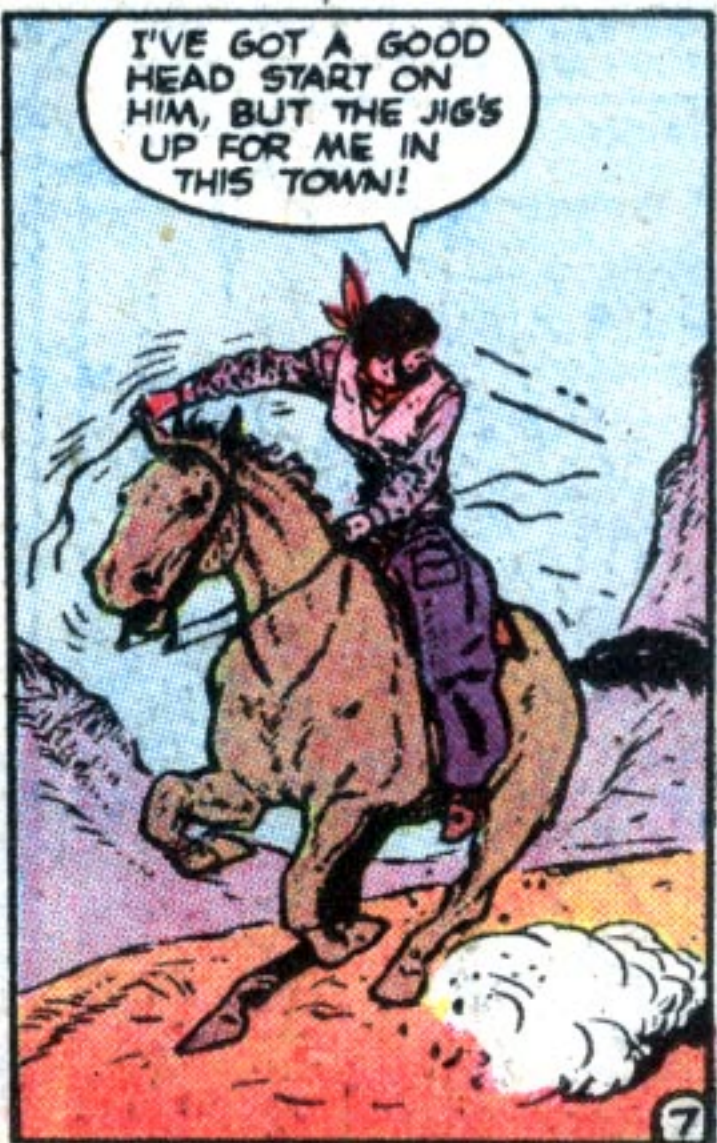


I SOLD THE RANCH TO AN EASTERNEE  
THROUGH AN AGENT WHO THOUGHT  
I WAS HAMILTON!  
SO BARKER IS THE ONE  
WHO KILLED MA AND PA  
AND BURNED OUR  
RANCH!



AS A MATTER  
OF FACT IT WAS  
THAT MONEY  
I USED TO BUY  
THE RANCH  
WHEN!









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# SURE AS SHOOTIN'

by  
CLAUDE  
MOORE

DRAWN ESPECIALLY FOR "BLACK DIAMOND" WESTERN

"THERE'S  
GOLD IN THEM  
THERE HILLS"

SOMEWHERE

IN THE SOUTHWEST - A BAND OF ROBBERS BURIED ITS LOOT - A BOX OF DIAMONDS - 2 SOLID GOLD STATUES - 39 BARS OF GOLD AND SACKS OF GOLD AND SILVER COINS! THE ROBBERS WERE ALL KILLED AND NEVER HAD A CHANCE TO GET THEIR TREASURE FROM ITS SECRET HIDING PLACE - SINCE 1859 - MANY PEOPLE HAVE SEARCHED IN VAIN FOR IT - IT'S STILL BURIED SOMEPLACE - AND FINDERS KEEPERS!



ONE OF THE EARLIEST CLOTHING AND JUNK STORES IN San Francisco WAS OWNED BY JACKSON STONE! PEOPLE STILL SING SONGS ABOUT HIM -

"MY NAME IS JACKSON STONE  
I KEEP A CLOTHING STORE,  
WAY UP ON PACIFIC STREET  
A HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR"  
- PROBABLY THE  
FIRST SINGING  
COMMERCIAL!

THE  
HORRIBLE  
DUEL  
1852  
California

COL. MATSON CHALLENGED "DOC" WARREN TO A ONE-SHOT DUEL TO SETTLE AN ARGUMENT - "DOC" FIRED FIRST AND WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARED SAW THE COLONEL UNTOUCHED - "DOC" THEN PLEADED FOR HIS LIFE AND THE COLONEL GAVE HIM 5 MINUTES TO GET OUT OF TOWN - IT WAS A JOKE THE COLONEL PLAYED ON STRANGERS - THE GUNS WERE LOADED WITH POWDER AND CORKS



BAND OF 4 DESPERADOS KILLED THE SHERIFF OF San Luis, AND A REWARD OF \$1,500 WAS OFFERED FOR THE CAPTURE OF THEM - DEAD OR ALIVE - JAMES MORRIN BROUGHT IN 4 DEAD MEN IN A CART - THEY WERE IDENTIFIED AS THE KILLERS - MORRIN WAS A HERO AND GIVEN THE REWARD - SEVERAL WEEKS LATER MORRIN WAS CAUGHT IN A HIGHWAY ROBBERY AND SENTENCED TO 14 YEARS IN THE PENITENTIARY - HE LATER CONFESSED THAT HE WAS THE LEADER OF THE 5 DESPERADOS WHO KILLED THE SHERIFF AND THAT HE HAD KILLED HIS OWN MEN TO GET THE REWARD!

THE  
GLASS  
SNAKE

WAS DISCOVERED IN THE WEST BY A BRITISH SCIENTIST - 1787 THIS STRANGE REPTILE BREAKS INTO MANY PIECES WHEN IT IS FRIGHTENED

THE FIRST TIME "LUCKY" JAKE ATE IN A RESTAURANT - HE PULLED HIS GUN AND WAS GOING TO SHOOT THE WAITER FOR HANDING HIM A BILL OF FARE (MENU) - BEFORE HE HAD EVEN ORDERED ANYTHING TO EAT!

C.H. MOORE







# SHERIFF WES STEELE

*HIS COURAGE AND DARING RID  
THE ARIZONA TERRITORY  
OF THE MURDEROUS  
MENKE GANG!*

**D**AN MENKE, loan shark and gambler by day and cattle rustler by night, came to Lower Arizona around 1880. Everyone in Dead Man's territory had heard of Menke, and there were rumors that before he'd settled in the West he'd been run out of Northern Territory for murder and robbery.

Soon after Menke arrived in town, he met Luke Hamble. They took to one another at once, although Luke was a surly, quarrelsome brute who couldn't get a job because of his bad temper.

The two men had known each other only a short while when Menke caught his supposed pal rifling his desk drawers. Much to Luke's surprise, Menke did not seem angry or annoyed.

His manner was as friendly as ever as he told Luke, "Relax. I have a hunch we can make lots of money together, if you do what I tell you and keep your mouth shut!!"

The startled Luke was more than willing to do anything Menke suggested. The two of them became inseparable and Luke Hamble, the quarrelsome drifter, became Dan Menke's right-hand man. When Menke's debtors fell behind in loan payments, Luke was sent to collect. And sometimes he had to get rough. Menke, however, approved and encouraged Luke's tactics. "Just so he always comes back with the dough," Menke would say, "I don't care how he gets it."

Menke trusted Luke with just about everything except large sums of money. Luke never got near the real dough, which Menke kept locked up.

Needless to say, Menke prospered in Lower Arizona. He grew rich so fast that some townsfolk felt sure the bulk of his income could be traced to sources other than his loan business.

"I'll bet Menke's doin' plenty of cattle rustlin' on the side," some whispered.

These rumors grew by leaps and bounds when Dan Menke opened a saloon, and badmen from all over the territory started pouring into town. Cattle rustling grew worse than ever. Cattle herds were unsafe unless corralled. The ranchers would all have been ruined, if it hadn't been for a bronco-buster named Wes Steele.

Steele was a good-natured, broad-shouldered

young cowboy. When the rustlers drove away with two-thirds of his employer's herd, Steele lost his job. Menke finished the job by foreclosing when the rancher couldn't meet his mortgage payments. Before leaving town to look for another job, Steele decided to stop in at Menke's saloon for a drink.

"What'll it be for you, podner?" asked the bartender.

"Just a light beer," Steele said, "and make sure it's nice and cool." He sighed, pushed back his hat, and wiped the perspiration from his forehead.

Three of Menke's cutthroats were seated at a table nearby, drinking and playing cards.

"Haw! Haw! Listen to him! A beer, he says! Whattsa matter, can't ya take anything else, son? Beer's for babies," one of them shouted.

Steele stared at the ceiling and pretended not to hear. He was leaving town after sundown and he wasn't looking for trouble. But his cool-headedness only angered the unshaven, ill-mannered brute, who continued his heckling. Finally, he tugged at Steele's shirt sleeve and yelled like a raving maniac.

"Whattsa matter, stranger. Scared? Haw! Haw! . . ."

The laughing stopped as Steele's powerful fist shot out and caught the trouble-maker square on the chin. The blow lifted the heckler out of his chair and sent him crashing to the floor. The two other card players interrupted their game and reached for their guns. But the speed with which Steele unholstered his two six-shooters, and the sharp, deadly manner in which he ordered them to drop their guns, convinced them they were no match for their opponent. Steele picked up their guns and motioned toward the exit.

"Get out, you low-down coyotes, before I give each of you something to remember me by!!" he barked.

Everyone in the saloon watched in stunned silence as the two men disappeared through the doorway. The third one scrambled to his feet and hobbled out after his companions.

Steele returned to the bar and sipped his beer



as though nothing had happened. Around him, men and women watched in silent admiration. They all had the same thought. Here at last was a man who dared challenge Menke's henchmen!!

When he stepped out of the saloon, a white-haired gentleman, who identified himself as the local judge, rushed up eagerly and shook his hand.

"How can I thank you for trouncing those Menke idlers, son," he said. "Until you came along, they acted as though they owned the town! What we need here," he continued, "is a man like you to take over the sheriff's job and put a stop to all this shooting and cattle rustling! What do you say?"

Steele shook his head. "I certainly want to thank you for the kind words," he answered pleasantly, "but I'm leaving town tonight."

The white-haired gentleman did not give up. "Hunting outlaws can be just as exciting as taming salty broncos or roping steer, son," he persevered. "Besides, you can settle down and make something of yourself!"

Steele scratched his chin thoughtfully. He thought of all the harm the rustlers were doing to the cattlemen. Somehow, he felt it wouldn't be too difficult to find a link between the rustlers and Menke.

Before he could answer, however, the judge had pinned a sheriff's badge on his shirt. That convinced him. "I'll accept," Steele said, "but on one condition. . . ."

"What is that, son?" asked the Judge.

"I want to choose my own deputies and be responsible only to the ranchers and townsfolk for what I do," Steele answered.

"Granted!" the judge agreed happily. "I'm sure no one will object to that, so long as you rid our town of the scum."

From the day Wes Steele became sheriff, cattle rustling and wanton street shooting declined in Dead Man's territory. He tracked down one outlaw after another until those who had momentarily escaped his heavy hand and withering gunfire led him straight to Dan Menke's doorstep.

Sheriff Steele could have arrested Menke, but the difficulty was in making the charges stick. Evidence was scarce. Then too, the townsfolk were so afraid of Menke that they wouldn't testify against him. So Steele and his deputies followed each move Menke made, patiently waiting for him to make the one slip which would give them something concrete to go on.

Progress was slow until one night a deputy told Steele of a conversation he'd overheard while shadowing Menke.

"Menke met Luke Hamble in the gorge below Dead Man's creek where the Menke gang is hiding out," the deputy reported. "I heard Menke tell Hamble they were going to raid Delmar's

herd, near Pine Bluff, tomorrow night."

This was the chance Steele had been waiting for. "Good," he said, fondling the two pistols in the holsters at his side, "we'll be there!!"

The next night Sheriff Steele led a posse to the rendezvous. From the secluded bluff where he and his deputies were hiding, the Sheriff could see the rustlers rounding up the cattle in the moonlit valley below, and could hear their boastful remarks as they whipped the herd together.

"This is the easiest job we've done yet! Not a buckaroo in sight," one outlaw shouted. "They musta been scared away when they heard us coming," gloated another.

Sheriff Steele motioned to his men. "Don't forget, there's to be no shooting unless it's necessary. O.K. boys, let's go!"

The men swung into their saddles and followed Steele and his deputies as they plunged full-speed down the mountainside.

The indignant ranchers in the posse made short work of the rustlers, but when the shooting was over Menke and Hamble were missing.

"They can't be very far away," observed Sheriff Steele. "Their horses are still here, so they're on foot!"

After a brief search, Sheriff Steele and his deputies found Menke and Hamble huddled together under the brush behind a huge boulder.

"Come out with your hands high!" ordered the Sheriff sternly.

"Don't shoot! I'm coming," howled Hamble.

Menke was stretched out, hugging the earth. "You can't shoot a man that's lying down, Sheriff," he pleaded. "Give me a chance to get up."

"All right," barked the Sheriff. "Only I'm warning you, don't try any of your tricks, you sneakin' rattler!!"

Sheriff Steele kept his two six-shooters trained on Menke's dark outline. The shadowy form suddenly twisted around and came up shooting. But Menke wasn't quick enough for Sheriff Steele. As the flame spurted from Menke's gun, Steele, anticipating just such a move, side-stepped quickly and returned a shot which knocked the gun out of the desperado's hand.

Deprived of his gun, Menke became as docile as a lamb. Under Steele's questioning, he suddenly admitted the charges brought against him.

A week later, Dan Menke, Luke Hamble and several other outlaws were swinging from the branches of a large tree which overshadowed the dusty road to Dead Man's gorge. It was the same road that had led to many of their crooked murderous meetings.

Once again, with Sheriff Steele and his men guarding the territory, Lower Arizona became a safe place for peace-loving cattlemen and their herds.

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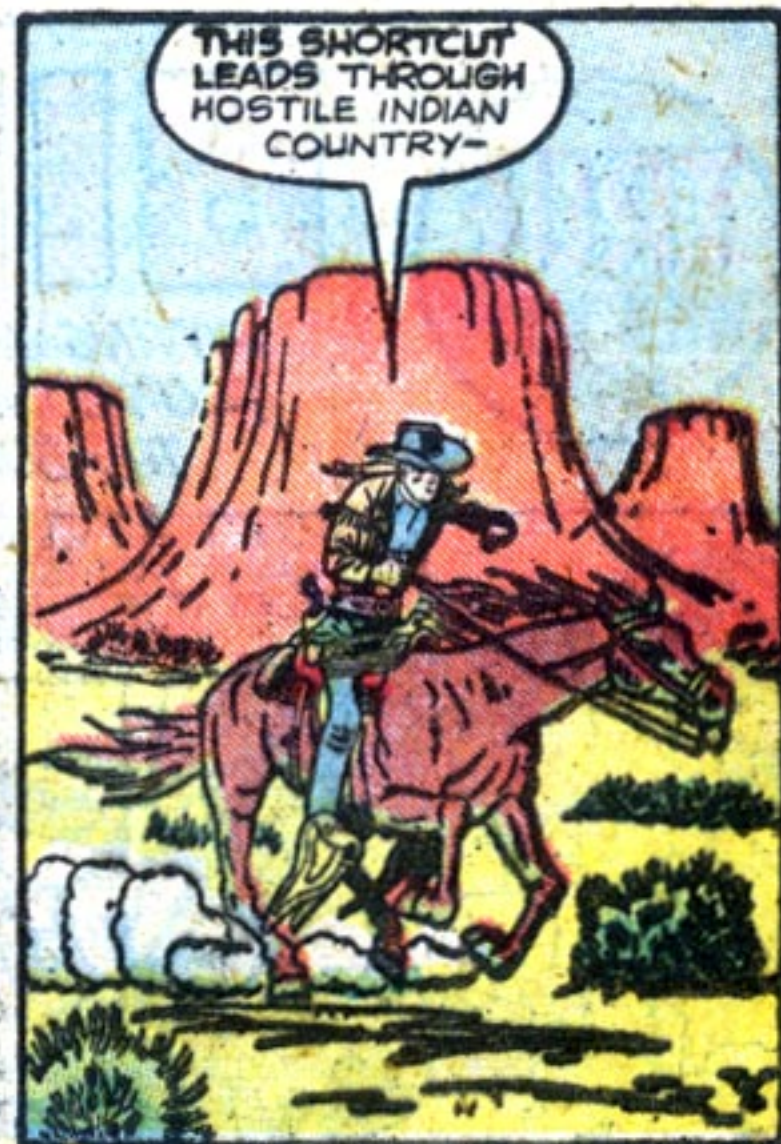
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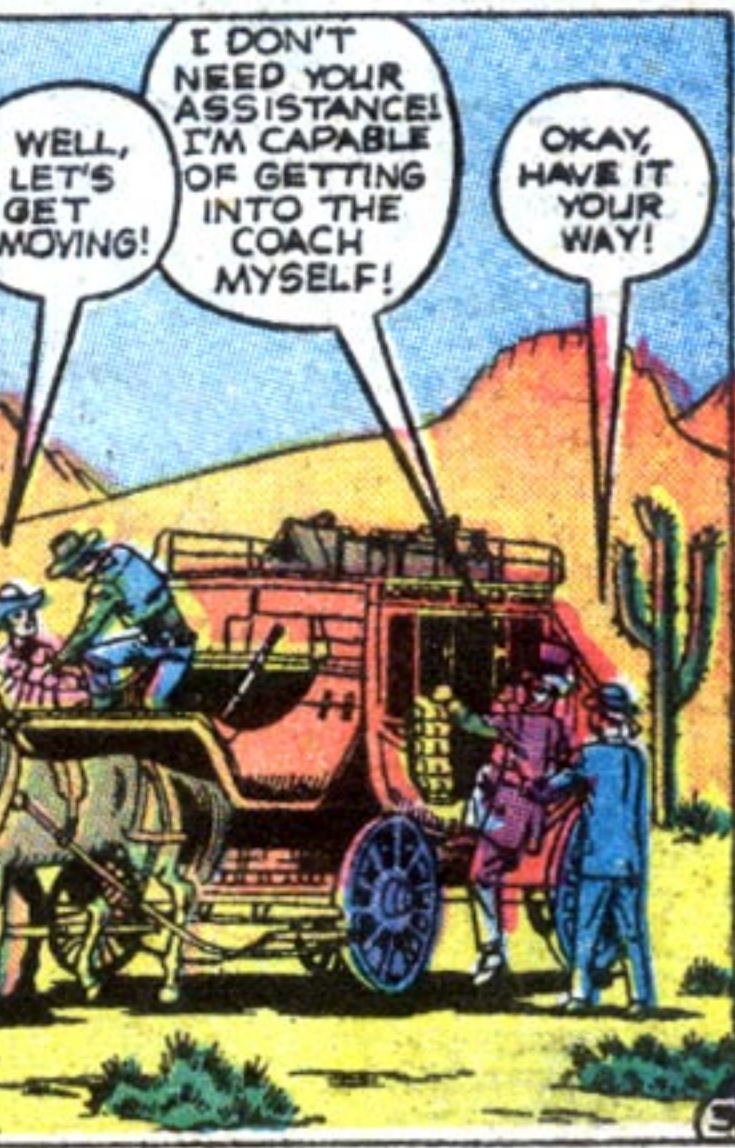
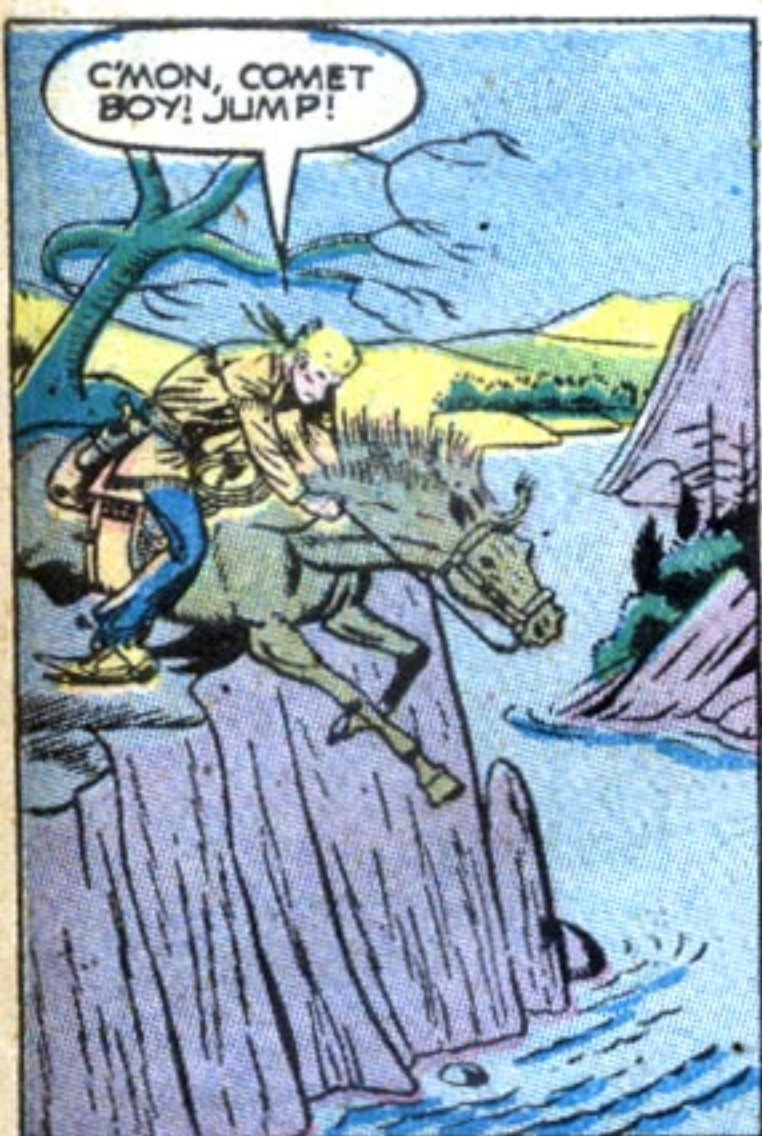
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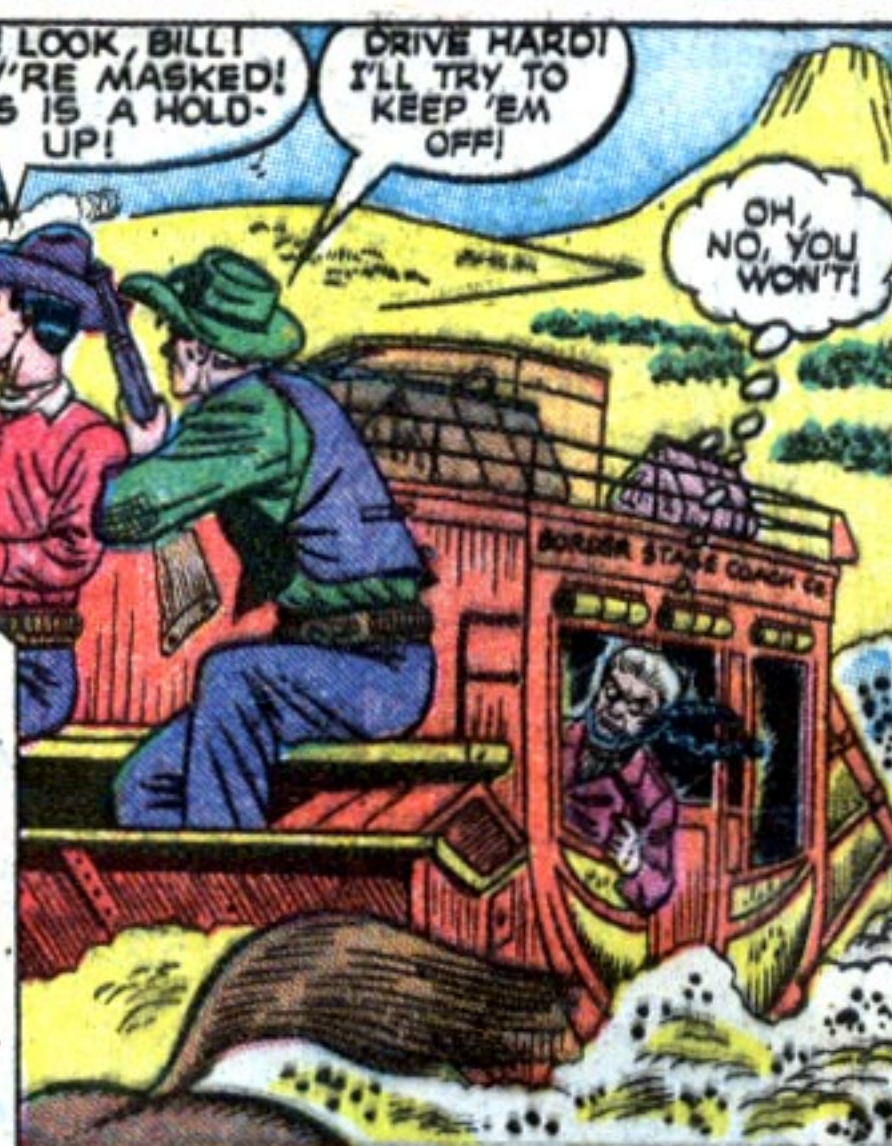


















HE GAMBLES HEAVY AND LIKES A GOOD TIME! HE SPENDS A LOT MORE MONEY THAN HE MAKES AT THE PLANT! HE MAY BE THE MAN I'M AFTER! NOW, FOR MY NEXT STOP!



HEY, BOYS! I JUST GOT A TELEGRAPH MESSAGE SAYING A SHIPMENT OF GOLD IS TO LEAVE THE MOUNTAIN DEPOT IN TEN DAYS! I'D BETTER TELL MR. JENSON!



WE'RE GOING FOR A RIDE TRAILING MR. CLEAVER, COMET! I'M GLAD THE BOSS HAD ONE OF THE MEN BRING YOU BACK!



HE WENT INTO THAT FARM HOUSE! YOU STAY HERE, COMET! I'M GOING DOWN ON FOOT!



SO THERE'S OUR LEFT-HANDED, MURDERING STAGE-COACH PASSENGER! ONLY NOW HE'S A YOUNG MAN, WITH BRIGHT RED HAIR! CLEAVER MUST BE TELLING HIM ABOUT THE NEXT SHIPMENT!



NEXT MORNING, AT THE PLANT...

MR. JENSON, I'M QUITTING! I'VE GOT THE WANDERLUST!

BAH! YOU DRIFTERS ARE ALL ALIKE! YOU NEVER AMOUNT TO ANYTHING BECAUSE YOU DON'T SETTLE DOWN!



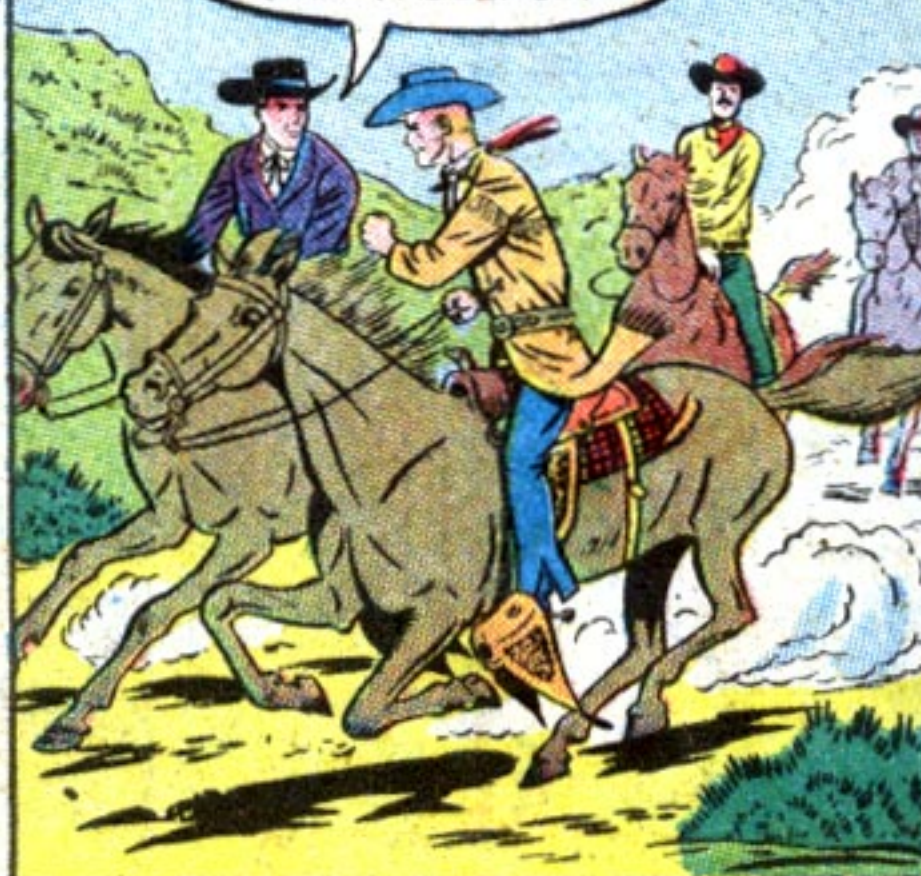
OUR NEXT MOVE IS TO GET TO THE MOUNTAIN DEPOT, AND BE ON THE COACH WHEN IT LEAVES! HE'LL NEVER RECOGNIZE ME IN THIS OUTFIT WITH A PHONY MUSTACHE!

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OOPS! WATCH OUT, LADY! MY GLASS SLIPPED!

YOU CLUMSY FOOL!

SHE STUCK OUT HER LEFT HAND INSTINCTIVELY!

WELL, LET'S GET GOIN'-THE COACH IS READY!



'SHE' IS DEAD TO THE WORLD!

LET'S GET SOME SHUT-EYE! WE WANT TO BE ON OUR TOES TOMORROW!



NEXT MORNING...

OH, DEAR, I'VE SUCH A HEADACHE! I THINK I'D BETTER GO UP AND SIT WITH THE DRIVER! MAYBE THE AIR WILL DO ME GOOD!

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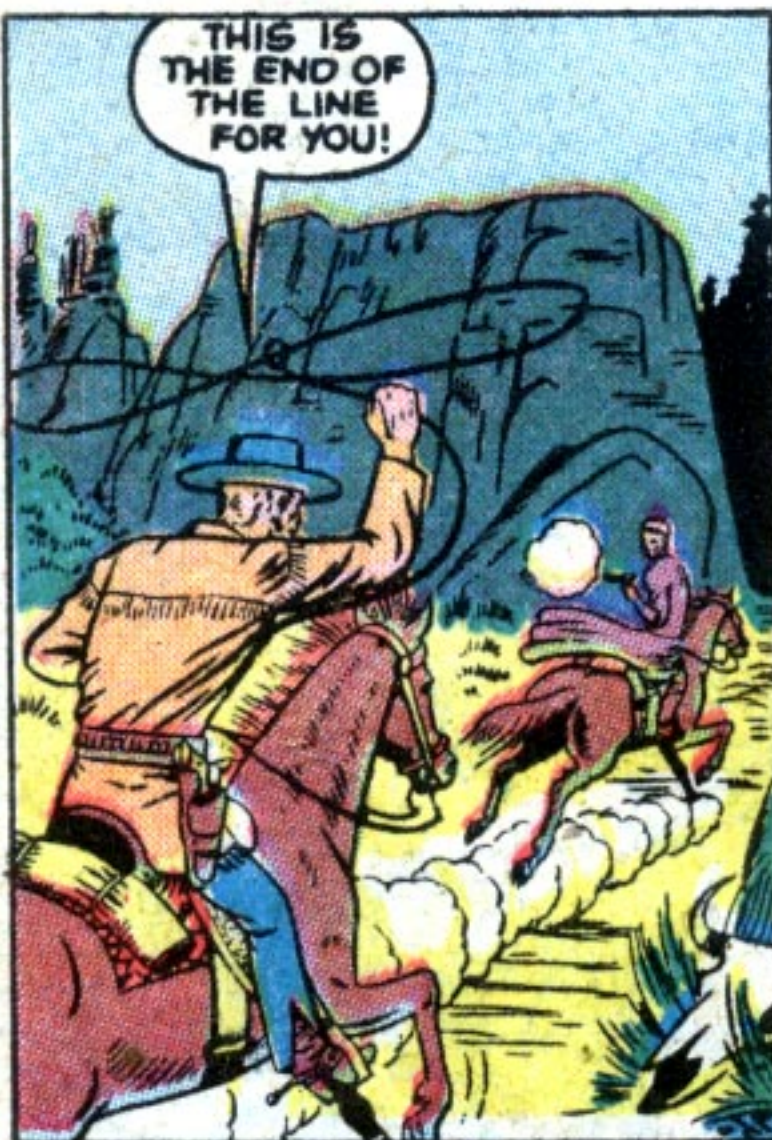
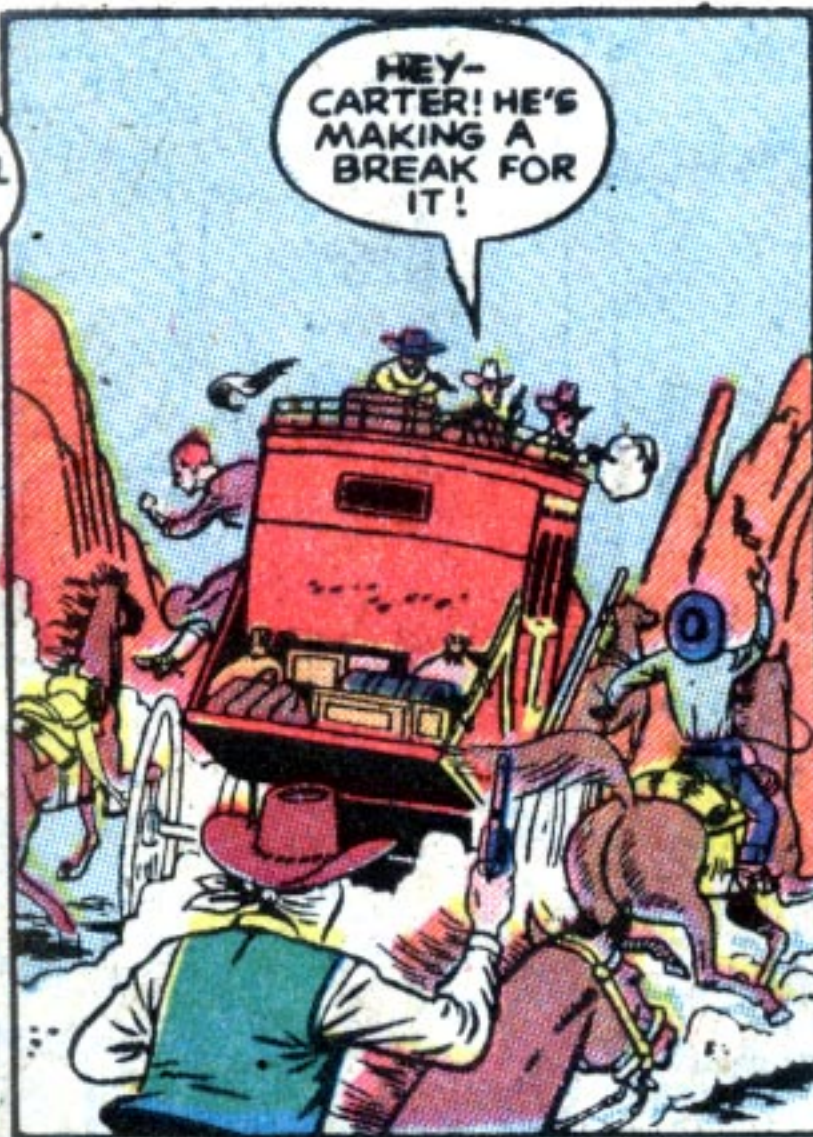
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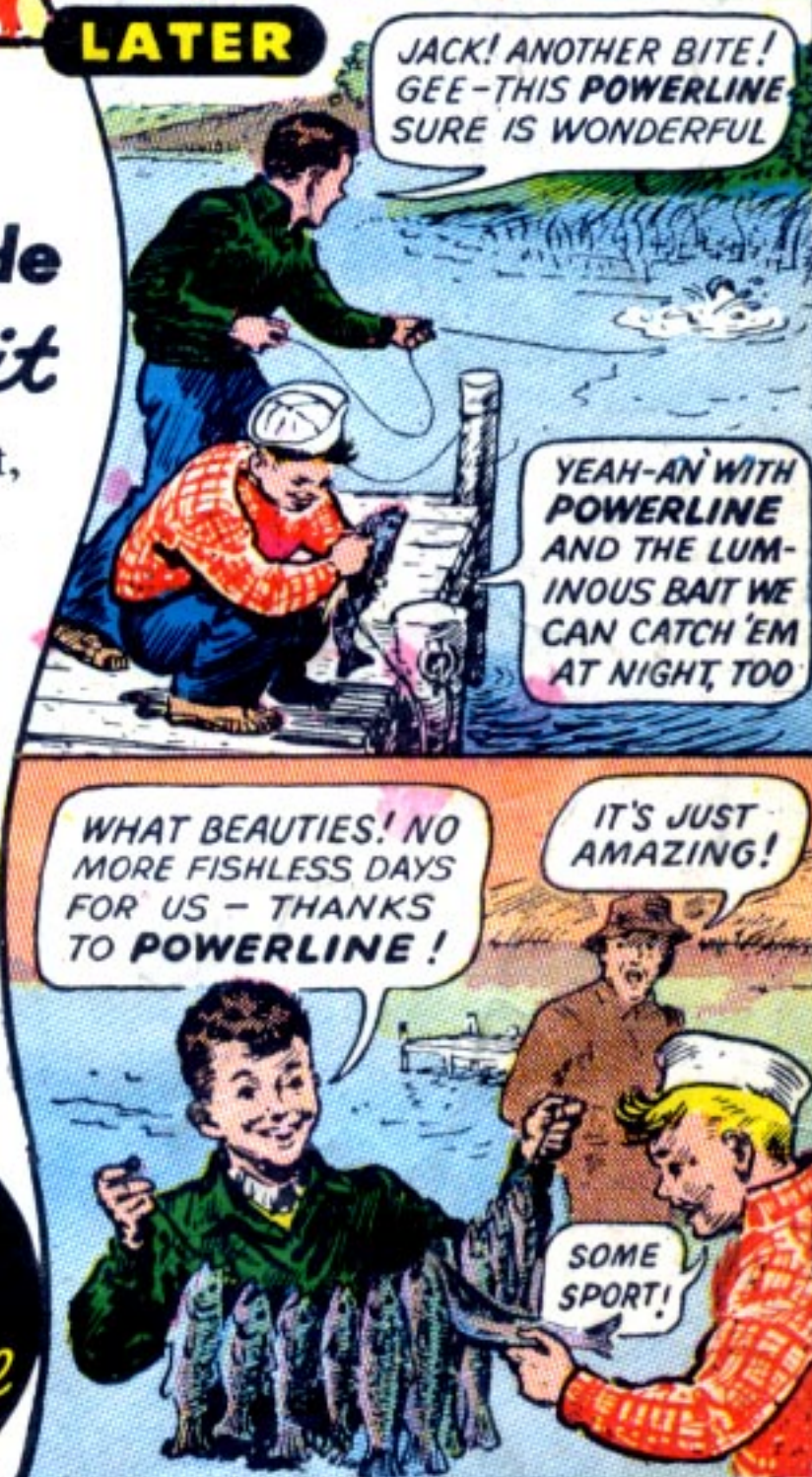
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